

L. H. J. Resolved that the Penalties be recovered before one Justice only,

And that on Conviction the Tobacco seized shall Be destroyed in the Presence of the Justice and the Party Informing shall have the benefitt in the former Law Mentioned.

The Question was put whether all persons that have Power to Convict and punish persons of prophane Cursing and Swearing &c^a Shall have power to Convict persons by the new Bill or the Justice only or some such other Skillfull person whom he shall think fitt to Appoint.

Carried by the Majority of Votes that it be only the Justice or whom he shall Appoint.

And Resolved that the Justices have power to Search all Out-houses &c^a for Trashy Tobacco &c and on finding any to Convict them under the like penalties &c.

The Question was put whether a Clause shall be Added in favour of Som^rsett and Dorchester Countys to give them a longer time for planting or not.

Carried in the Negative by the Majority of Votes.

And that a penalty be Imposed on those who shall give receive buy or Sell any Trashey tobacco Contrary to the Intent of the Law

And Ordered the foll: Message be prepared viz:

By the Lower house of Assembly ffeb. the 27th 1721.

May it please your Hon^{rs}

Wee have Debated your Hon^{rs} Message of Yesterday by Esq^r Hall and two others of your house and are Come to the following Resolutions thereon.

1st That the penaltyes Imposed be recovered before any Single Justice of the Peace in regard two may differ in Opinion And they may live so remote as it may be difficult to procure them

2^d That on Conviction the Tobacco Seized shall be destroyed in the Presence of the Justice before whom such Conviction shall happen and the party Informing to have the benefitt in the former law Mentioned.

3^d That every person in this province consume his Trashy or bad Tobacco as he Strips his Crop Yearly under the penalty of One Thousand pounds of good Tobacco for every such offence to be Convicted by the Oath of the party Informing (In Case such Trashey or bad Tobacco be removed) before any single Justice and if such trashey or bad Tobacco be not removed then such Justice to be required on Complaint made