

U. H. J. neighbouring Colonies and Ordered the following Endorsment thereon (Viz.)

By the Upper House of Assembly Nov^r the 1st 1722

This Bill being read will pass with the following Amendments.

1st That Liberty be given to any Person to seize the Tobacco.

2^d That a Penalty be laid on all Persons who shall resist or convey away the Goods so seized

Signed p Order Sam^l Skippon Cl Up Ho.

Which Bill so endorsed is sent to the Lower House by Col Ward who returns and says he delivered it

A Message from the Lower House by Cap^t Hooper and M^r Hawkins (viz)

By the Lower House of Assembly Nov^r the 1st 1722

May it please your Honours.

In answer to your Message of the 25th of October by Col Holland this House hoping that the Continuance of this Sessions will not be long, are willing to refer the further Consideration of the Affairs of the Indians Lands till next Sessions; but lest any Body should be surprized by purchasing or Leasing any Lands from the Indians in that Interval propose the ordinance herewith sent, if your Honours concur therewith as an Expedient therefore

Signed p ord^r M: Jenifer Cl Lo Ho.

The Ordinance above mention'd entituled an Ordinance touching the Indians and the Lands in their Possession was read and is as follows Viz.

It is ordained by his Lordship's Governour and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly and the Authority of the same, that the several Petitions and other matters relating to the Indian Lands that lye on the Eastern Shore be and are hereby referred to the next Sessions of Assembly, and that whoever shall presume in the mean Time to make any purchase or Lease from the Indians of any of the said Lands shall have no Benefit or Advantage thereof, but that all such Purchases and Leases shall be null and Void, and further that this ordinance or any thing therein contain'd is not Intended nor ought to be Construed or Understood to Countenance or