

Which Bills were severally read and severally thus in- U. H. J.
dorsed further Viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly Sept^r the 24th 1723
Read and will Pass
Signed p Order Sam^l Skippon Cl. Up. Ho.

Then Col^o William Holland on Behalf of himself and the rest of the members of this House Delivered to his Honour the Governour their Answer to his speech made at the opening of this Session (Viz.)

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May it Please your Honour

We return you our most hearty Thanks for Communicating to us the Transactions of the Brittish Parliament in Relation to our Staple; and are sorry to hear that some Planters have made so ill an use of the Benefit intended us by the late Act as to Occasion the Repeal of it.

Your Honour's kind Advice to mend the Quality of Tobacco we hope will be maturely Considered by the p^sent General Assembly in such a manner as may best procure the Advancement of the Tobacco Trade and be least prejudicial to his Lordship's Interest towards the Accomplishing whereof our Endeavours shall not be wanting.

We have had many instances of his Ldps Good Inclinations to promote the Interest of the People within this Province, and must acknowledge that his Readiness to acquiesce with what may Conduce to prevent making trashy Tobacco (w^{ch} will of Consequence lessen the Quantity) and at the same Time his Direction to you to pass the Revenue Bill for three years longer as it formerly stood is an Engaging Confirmation of his tender concern for our welfare

It is a Pleasure to us that our poor Acknowledgm^{ts} have been Acceptable to your Honour; and wish our Abilities Could have rendered them more Considerable. We are fully Satisfied that your natural Inclination to Goodness and Justice will prompt you to study the welfare of this province p. 12 as well as that near Tye you are pleased to mention, of which we wish your Hon^r a lasting Enjoym^t Esteeming it our Advantage so far as it Conduces to your residing amongst Us.

Your Honour's tender care in recomending to us the Easing the Good People of this Province in their Taxes inforces the