

U. H. J. Which Petition so Endorsed is sent to the Lower House by Col^o Addison

The Petition of Thomas Dent of Charles County praying that Leave may be Given him to bring in a Bill to discharge his Body out of Prison upon Surrendring on Oath his whole Estate Real and Personal to be equally Distributed among his Creditors was read, as likewise a Paper signed by several of the said Tho^s Dent's Creditors, whereupon the following Endorsment was ordered to be made upon the Petition (viz.)

By the Upper House of Assembly 7^{br} the 25th 1723
Gentlemen.

This Petition with the inclosed Consent of Several of the Petitioner's Creditors has been read, and is recomended to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly.

Signed p Order Sam^l Skippon Cl Up Ho.

p. 16 And the Petition so indors'd was sent to the Lower House by Col^o Tilghman

Two Bills from the Lower House by M^r Walter Smith and M^r Pritchett (viz.)

An Act to prevent the great Evils arising by the Importation of Convicts into this Province and for the better Discovery of such when Imported thus Endorsed viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly Sep^r the 25th 1723.

Read the first and second Times and the Question being put whether the same shall pass as it is, or be amended, it is Carried by the Majority of Votes that it be amended.

Thereupon is Comitted for Amendment to the Committee of Laws.

Signed p Order M. Jenifer Cl. Lo. Ho.

And Lower Down thus further indorsed (viz.)

Eodem Die

Amended and read with the Amendm^t and will Pass.

Signed p Order. M. Jenifer Cl Lo. Ho.

Ordered that the Bill be read and the Bill was Read the first Time and Ordered to lye on the Table

An Act reviving and Continuing an Act of Assembly Intituled an Act for relieving the Inhabitants of this province