

U. H. J. Then the House went upon the consideration of the Bill, directing the manner of Recovering Fines for not appearing at the clearing of High ways, and the Bill being Read the following Indorsement was made thereon viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly Oct^r the 15th 1723
Read and will Pass.

Signed p order Sam^l Skippon Cl Up Ho.

Which Bill so Endorsed was sent to the Lower House by Benjamin Tasker Esq^r

Col^o Young and Col^o Tilghman appointed by this House to confer with Daniel Dulany Esq^r and five others concerning the great Delay of Busieness &^{ca} made their Report of the s^d conference to the House; which is as follows viz.

At a Conference held at John Jordan's October the 12th 1723 Concerning the great Delay of Busieness in the Provincial Court occasioned by the Length of Time taken up in the Tryal of Criminals & to propose a method to ease the People of that inconvenience.

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Present of the Upper House

The honble Col^o Samuel Young Richard Tilghman Esq^r

Of the Lower House

Daniel Dulany Esq^r M^r Robert Tyler John Beale Esq^r
Capt. Henry Hooper Capt. Robert King M^r John Oldham

Made Choice of Col^o Young for Chairman and M^r Geo. Plater to be Clerk

Adjourned till Monday

Then met and Proceeded as followeth

The Conferees are of Opinion that the Appointing three of the Justices of the Provincial Court on each Side of the Bay and the impowering any two of them together with one or two of the County Justices, to hear and determine all Criminal Cases not tryable in the County Courts and all Civil Actions that shall be Commenced in the Provincial in the several Counties where they shall Arise, will be the best Expedient that can be thought of to Remove the Inconvenience Complaind of and the most Agreeable to our Constitution for the following Reasons

1 That it is Agreeable to the manner of proceeding in like Cases in England where by several hundred years Experience Tryals by the neighbourhood (who must Certainly be the most