

no white person being a freeman may be present at such meeting of negroes and the Constable might be in Danger of being Abused by them in the Execution of his Office. Wee also propose that a Clause be added Injoyning under a penalty this Act to be publickly read by the Overseers of the highways Constable or Some other Officer at such times and places where negroes are met to repair the publick Roads with which amendements the Bill will pass. L. H. J.

Sign'd p Order Sam Skippon Cl Up Ho.

On reading whereof as to the first Amendment this House agrees thereto.

And as to the second Amendment this House is of Opinion that the same will be needless.

Benjamin Tasker Esq^r from the Upper House delivers M^r Speaker the Bill to punish Blasphemers Swearers drunkards and Sabath breakers thus Endorst viz:

By the Upper House of Assembly Octob^r the 12th 1723.

On reading and Considering the within Bill wee think it necessary that a Clause be Added for Saveing all Prosecutions allready Commenced by Vertue of the former Laws and Asscertaining at what rate the fines for Cursing and Swearing shall be paid in Tobacco when Certified by the magistrate or other Officers to the County Courts wth which Amendments the Bill will pass.

Sign'd p Order Sam Skippon Cl Up ho.

With which this House Concurrs and thereupon the bill is Committed for Amendment and ordered that the Committee of Laws Amend the Same.

Col^o Young from the Upper House delivers M^r Speaker the Bill for relief of such persons as have or may Suffer by the Tobacco Laws thus Endorst viz:

By the Upper House of Assembly

October the 12th 1723.

Upon further and due Consideration we cannot Consent to pass the within Bill [with] a Retrospect.

Sign'd p Order Sam Skippon Cl Up ho.

The House Adjourn till to morrow morning nine of the Clock.