

L. H. J. Thereupon the Bill af^d past for Engrosing.

Resolved that a Bill be brought in giving time till the last day of May for tendering Tobacco.

And that a Bill be brought in to prevent the Vexatious Entries of Caveats in the Land office.

Coll^o Mackall from the Committee of Elections & privileges Returns the following report Viz:

By the Committee of Elections and privileges

October the 21st 1724

On Inspection into the writt and Indentures returned for Cap^t Daniell Mariarte we find him duely Elected.

Signed p order M Jenifer Cl especially app^{ted}

An Engrost Bill to cut off the Intail of a Certain tract of Land called Billingsley point and to Enable John Jordan to make Sale of the Same, and

An Engrost Bill in favour of Col^o Ephraim Aug^t Herman were severally read and assented to and were so Endorst and Sent to the Upper house by M^r Smith and M^r Sutton. They return & say they delivered them

Col^o Ward from the Upper house delivers M^r Speaker the following Message viz.

By the Upper house of Assembly, October the 21st 1724.

Gent.

On Reading your Message of the 20th Instant by M^r Tyler and M^r Bozman we observe you therein propose an abatement of the one half of the publick Dues and officers ffees within this Province a proposal so unreasonable and unbecomeing that Justice and Honour which ought to be the Rule of a Legislative power, That we can by no means concurr with you therein; for altho' we may dispose of our own Rights as we please, yet we cannot without the greatest injustice, deprive those who have a Right to publick claims, or officers ffees of any part of that which by particular Contracts or the standing Laws or Customs of this province becomes their due, But to Let you see that our house is as inclinable to relieve the necessities of the people in this Time of Scarcity of Tobacco, as you can be, We are Willing not only to abate the one half, but even the whole of our allowance for attending at this Sessions of Assembly, Provided you will in like manner, ease the pub-