

John Rousby Esq<sup>r</sup> from the Upper House delivers M<sup>r</sup> L. H. J. Speaker the following Message viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly Oct<sup>r</sup> the 30<sup>th</sup> 1724.  
Gentlemen.

We have read and considered the Report of your Committee of aggrivances and are concern'd to find that such Misunderstandings and differences arise between the Sheriffs and people of the Sev<sup>r</sup>all Counties But as yo<sup>r</sup>selves acknowledge it [is] almost Impracticable by any written Rules to prevent all Inconveniencies of that kind, we can only Say, p. 174 we wish it in our power so to do, and we shall be always ready to Contribute our Endeavours by any reasonable means to accomplish so good a work We observe your said Committee propose it as an Expedient for reconciling those differences, that the Sheriff be made Elective by the voices of the people, But we are much afraid that such a method would rather prove a foundation for confusion and party animosities Succeeded by the oppression of those who appeared not to be of the prevailing Candidate's party, than a Remedy against the before mentioned Evils, besides the appointing of Sheriffs in the Severall Counties within this province, has been hitherto thought a Branch of our Proprietary's prerogative as appears by a Continued practice for many years.

Sign'd p order Sam<sup>l</sup> Skippon Cl Up Ho.

Coll<sup>o</sup> Holland from the Upper House Delivers M<sup>r</sup> Speaker the Bill for relieving the Inhabitants of this province from some difficulties &c thus Endorst Viz.

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Read and will pass with the following amendments viz. The word (about) and the words (take the best Care I can to) to be inserted in the Latter oath w<sup>ch</sup> will make it agreeable to the former Oath.

Sign'd p order Sam<sup>l</sup> Skippon Cl. Up. Ho.

Which being read the Bill was amended accordingly & past for Engrosing

Coll<sup>o</sup> Young from the Upper House delivers M<sup>r</sup> Speaker the Supplementary Bill to the Act for Tryall of Matters of Fact in the Counties &c thus Endorst viz.

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Read and will pass.

Sign'd p order Sam<sup>l</sup> Skippon Cl. Up. Ho.