

L. H. J. Thereupon the same past for Engrosing.

A Reviving Bill to the Act for Limitation of officers fees was read the first & Second times by especiall order and past which was so Endorst and sent to the Upper House by M^r Edw^d Wright & Cap^t Henry Hooper.

They return and say they delivered it.

John Hall Esq^r from the upper House delivers M^r Speaker the Supplementary Bill to the Act for Electing and Summoning Delegates &c thus Endorst viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly Octob^r the 30th 1724

Read and will pass.

Sign'd p order Samⁿ Skippon Cl Up. Ho.

Thereupon the same past for Engrosing.

The following message was prepar'd Viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly Oct^r the 30th 1724.

May it please yo^r Honours

We thankfully accept your Honours kind promises of your Endeavours to accomplish so good a work as the preventing the Inconveniencies that arise from the present frequent differences betwixt the people and Sheriffes, And therefore if the objection in your Honours Message of this Instant by M^r Rousby can be remov'd We hope we may then lay a Just claim to the promise of your Endeavours in that Part.

And we hope your first objection will not remain with [you when] your Honours consider there may be the same Regulations for the Electing a Sheriff that are now used for the Electing of Delegates and that the Sheriff will be under the Restraint of all the Laws in force to prevent his Oppressing those that have Voted against him, and will be under this more weighty Influence that by oppressing one of those that Voted against him he might Lose the Votes of many of those that voted for him at the next Election and so have a period put to his power of oppressing, And the People have Leave to Chuse another in his room, who for fear of the like fate would avoid the offence. And we conceive your observation that the Appointing Sheriffs has been hitherto thought a branch of the prerogative will not at all discourage our Endeavours for the obtaining what we propose as an Ease to the prerogative and if his Honour the Governour or the Chief magistrate for the time being is pleased to think it so, and Consents to it, we shall then think our Selves easy in the remedy propos'd, and if not, it is yet offering to his Honour an oppor-