

Ordered to lye on the Table.

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An Engrossed Bill from the Lower House by Mr. Walter Smith & Mr. Robert King thus Subscribed.

October 17th 1724.

Read and Assented to by the Lower House of Assembly &
Sign'd p order M. Jenifer Cl Lo. Ho.

Which Bill being read was likewise Assented to by this House.

The Conferees appointed upon the Subject of the Scarcity of Tobacco October the 9th make their Report of the Conference to the House which is as follows

At a Conference held at the City of Annapolis at the House of M^r Francis Bowes on Friday October 9th 1724 Present the Honourable Col^o Thomas Addison, Col M. T. Ward, John Rousby Esq^r Members of the Upper House, the Honourable Col^o John Mackall, Thomas Bordley Esq^r James Stoddart Esq^r Captain Robert King M^r Thomas Bozman and Captain Henry Hooper, Members of the Lower House

Who made choice of Col^o Thomas Addison to be chairman and Richard Clagett Clerk.

The Conferees proceed to consider of the Subject matter of the Conference and reduce it to these three following particulars

1st How all Publick Debtors and Creditors may be made easy in Paying and Receiving the publick dues with Regard had to the Great Extremity the poor of this Province are in danger of being reduced to by the Great Scarcity of Tobacco and other country produce.

2^{dly} How far the Inhabitants shall be Relieved in the Payment of Officers fees.

3^{dly} How far in respect to Private inland Country debts

As to the first Particular it is the opinion of the Conferees that if any person take the Oath hereafter mentioned before any one Provincial or County Justice and produce a Certificate of having taken such Oath before the 25th day of December next to two Commissioners to be appointed by the Act proposed that such Oath and Certificate shall entitle them to a Supersedeas of Execution for so much Tobacco as those Certificates shall make Appear they Want to pay their Levies & that for the preventing disappointments to the people in producing such Certificates the Commissioners be

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