

L. H. J. Com̄ercing in or to this province. Now if you allege that by this Clause in the Bill as it Orriginally stood, all persons as well merchants as Inhabitants were oblig'd to receive such payments, then your amendment is a plain Contradiction to it Self for you seem to Except some persons, and yet Exclude all persons before mencōned in that Clause, and this plainly shews that your House had the same understanding of the paragraph in the Bill that our House had, and therefore we again Conclude that the Interlineation of the words (persons Except) is introductive of a new provision in the Bill which before that Interlineation obliged only merchants and other Trading persons to receive flax and hemp, but as now altered by your House Excludes merchants and other Trading persons & obliges all other persons to receive flax & hemp in payment of Debts.

Thus we have plainly shewed the Truth of what we asserted in our former message relating to this Bill, but to Convince you that we have no Aversion to the thing, but to the manner of doing it, and that we are willing to Conclude this Sessions by doing any thing that may be thought necessary for the Good of the people we propose that the price of flax in that Bill be made five pounds of Tobacco p pound and the price of Hemp three pounds of Tobacco p pound with which amendment we Consent to pass it

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

Thereupon the Q<sup>t</sup> was put whether any alteracōn shall be made in the price of hemp & Flax or not? It pass'd in the Negative.

Thereon the following message is prepar'd Viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly Nov<sup>r</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> 1724.  
May it please Your Honours

In Answer to your Honours message this Evening by Col. Ward we desire you will be pleas'd to read the Bill and take notice of the words of the proviso which Extend further than the parts of the Bill your Hon<sup>rs</sup> mencōn in your message and provide that the Act shall not in any wise affect the publick or County Levy or forty p poll due to the Clergy which plainly shews that all the Inhabitants were intended to be affected by that Law, or that Proviso was useless.

And if you please to Compare this part of the Bill with that part of the Tobacco Law relating to the same you will there find it was the sense of the whole Legislature that by the  
p. 188 like words in the Enacting part all persons were affected