

a certificate of his having taken the following Oath before U. H. J  
such Justice as aforesaid the Sheriff shall not for that year  
take the Body nor the Goods or Chattels of such person in  
Execution for more than what he has declared upon his  
said Oath he is capable of paying and the Remainder of all  
such debts unpaid shall remain in the same Circumstances  
until next Year as to the matter of Law as they are in at the  
time of the Debtors taking such Oath and in all such cases  
where the Debtor has Tobacco sufficient only to pay part  
of such debts as aforesaid and that they are indebted to  
sundry persons in manner aforesaid that it be at the Election  
of the Debtor to apply what Payment he makes towards the  
paying such of his said Creditors as he thinks meet.

The form of the Oath is proposed to be as followeth

I A B do declare that since I knew or heard the Act of As-  
sembly was made entituled an Act . . . . . I have  
not had nor now have any Tobacco belonging to me nor  
any Publick or County Allowance or debts due to me from  
the Sheriff of this County to discount nor any Debt or Debts  
due to me from any other Person or Persons that I can now  
get to pay toward such Debts as I am Indebted by Judgment  
or upon execution to any person more than the Sum of  
Except such Tobacco as I already have or must apply this  
Year towards the Payment of my Levies the which Sum of  
Tobacco aforesaid I will preserve and be ready to pay towards  
the Satisfaction of such debts as aforesaid or some of them

And it is likewise the opinion of the Conferees that it will  
render the Above provisions in respect to the second particu-  
lar proposed much more effectual if such Goods as are at any  
time taken in Execution for Officers fees be made liable to the  
same manner of Appraisement as is directed in the Act of  
Assembly for Appraising Goods taken in Execution by  
Writts of fieri facias

All which is humbly Reported and Submitted to the Upper  
and Lower Houses of Assembly as proper Heads for a Law  
to be made for the present Relief of the country.

Signed p Order Richard Clagett Cl Confer.

A message from the Lower House by Captain King and  
Captain Hooper Viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly Oct<sup>r</sup> the 17<sup>th</sup> 1724  
May it please your Honours.

We have read the Report of the Conferees appointed to  
propose proper methods to Relieve the Inhabitants of this  
Province from the Hardships they may sustain by means of p. III