

Which was likewise Assented to by this House and ordered U. H. J. to be Subscribed.

And the Paper bill so Endorst is sent by Phill Lee Esq<sup>r</sup> who returns and says he Delivered it.

As Also a Bill for relieving the Inhabitants from some Aggrievances &<sup>c</sup> thus Endorst viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly Oct<sup>r</sup> the 23<sup>rd</sup> 1725  
Read the first time and ordered to lye upon the Table  
Signed p Order M. Jenifer Cl Lo Ho.

By the Lower House of Assembly October the 25<sup>th</sup> 1725  
Read the Second time and will pass.  
Signed p Order M: Jenifer Cl. Lo. Ho.

Which being read is Ordered to lye on the Table.

A Bill from the Lower House by M<sup>r</sup> Benjamin Mackall & p. 50  
M<sup>r</sup> Hawkins Entituled An Act to Encourage the taking up of  
Runaway Slaves & thus Endors'd Viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly Octo the 25<sup>th</sup> 1725  
Read the first and second time and will pass.  
Signed p order M. Jenifer Cl. Lo. Ho.

Which bill was read and thus further Endors'd  
Read and will Pass.

Signed p order Geo Plater Cl Up Ho.

Sent down by John Rousby Esq<sup>r</sup> who returns and says he delivered it

On consideration of the Message on Saturday by M<sup>r</sup> Walter Smith & Coll<sup>o</sup> Herman the following Message was prepared thereto viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly Octo<sup>r</sup> the 25<sup>th</sup> 1725  
Gentlemen.

In answer to your Message of the 23<sup>d</sup> Instant by [M<sup>r</sup>] Walter Smith and Col<sup>o</sup> Ephraim Augustine Herman we are of Opinion that the Method we have taken of signifying our Assent to the Engrost Bills is not so entirely new as you seem to think, for if you please to consult the Journals of both Houses of Assembly since the Year 1715 you will find