

U. H. J. Sent down by Col^o Ward who returns and says he Delivered it.

Read the Bill for Relief and Release of poor prisoners &c^a which was ordered to be thus Endors'd viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly Octo the 28th 1725

Read and will pass.

Signed p Order Geo: Plater Cl. Up. Ho.

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A Message from the Lower House by Col^o Ward and M^r Wright as follows

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May it please Your Hon^{rs}

We are very sorry to find our selves mistaken when we understood by yo^r Message of the 25th Instant that you were far from desiring to Enter into Unnecessary Debates with us You are pleased to say you cannot Imagine any Injury done to the priviledge of our House by the practice you insist on or what Inconvenience may arise from it. You will please to Observe every Innovation contrary to a good Constitution is an Injury to it and the practice we pray a Renovation of has been the constant practice Used and Approved during the Government of his Lordships Ancestors and of the Crown and only Suffered Alteration in the beginning of his present Lordships Domⁿ without any notice being taken of it, by either House that Appears on the Journals and consequently without Argument, and Alterations of Antient Customs thus made Sub Silentio are never accounted of weight Sufficient to Sanction them Every Innovation is to be Carefully watched against by those that like and have mind to preserve their Establishment There may happen Ilconveniences by Alterations that we may not foresee at the time of making them, but may afterwards feel by bad Experience when it may be insisted on as too late to remedy them. An Instance of this your Hon^{rs} give us by insisting now on a Ten years practice crept in amongst us unobserved, without any Sanction against the general practice of former times. We therefore think it our Duty to interpose in time that this young obstacle to old experience, may not it self grow stiff through Age and Obstinate by Use; Your Honours give us Occasion to remark that tho you be an Acting Body in this Legislature, Yet it is We that are the Peoples Representatives for whom all Laws