

as you, and we have only referr'd to that Law as a Sufficient U. H. J.
 provision for the paym^t of Criminal Servants fees without
 Injuring the property of their Masters by the Exposing
 them to Sale according to the unreasonable directions of the
 bill now in Debate and we now take leave to Observe to you
 that altho' the Act before mentioned does not Exempt Serv- p. 71
 ants Acquitted of Crimes from being Oblig'd to give Secu-
 rity for their good behav^r yet as it directs they shall be returned
 to their Master without any Condition Express Obligeing them
 to give such Security we may from thence reasonably Inferred
 an intention in the Law of Excusing them unless in Extraordi-
 nary Cases and Agreeable to this has been the practice of
 the Magistrates who since the making of that Law very
 Seldom require any such Securities and this we take to be a
 prudent Indulgence to the property of the master which
 ought not to be Invaded unless in Cases of necessity. As
 to the Case of the two Serv^{ts} if it be a favour to the Mas-
 ters property or that they are afraid to Bail them no Doubt
 but they will Consent their Servents Should be sold either
 out of the Province or to such as will be Security for them
 and this may be done without a Law to Oblige them; besides
 we cannot think it reasonable to make a General Law for
 remedying a particular Case and Invest the Magistrates
 with An Arbitrary power of obligeing Masters to sell their
 Servants or be Security for them upon every slender Surmise
 of Misbehaviour; so long as those Servants persist in such
 Obstinate mischievous resolucons (as you mention in your
 Message) the place where they are is fittest for them and
 whensoever they shall show any disposition to repentance
 and amendment whereby the Magistrates may be induced to
 release them sufficient provision is already made for the pay-
 ment of their fees. For the reasons in this and our former
 message we cannot Consent to pass the Bill.

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

Sent by John Hall Esq^r who returns and says he Delivered
 the Message

Three Engrost bills from the Lower House by M^r King p. 72
 and M^r Denton viz.

An Act Entituled An Act for Building a New Court House
 in Calvert County

An Act to Enable John Speake Junior of Charles County
 to Confirm a Tract of Entailed Land lying in Prince Georges
 County unto the purchasers thereof and to Entail certain
 Lands in Charles County in lieu thereof and