

To which Message the following Answer was prepared viz. U. H. J.

By the Upper House of Assembly Nov^r the 1st 1725

Gentlemen

This House Agrees with the proposall made in your Message by Captain Hooper and Gordon relating to the Clause to be added to the Bill for relieving the Inhabitants from some Aggrievances therein mentioned.

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

Sent by Benjamin Tasker Esq^r who returns and says he Delivered it.

A Message from the Lower House by M^r Harrison and M^r Tilden (viz)

By the Lower House of Assembly Nov^r the 1st 1725

May it please Yo^r Hon^{rs}

We cannot but admire at yo^r Hon^{rs} Still being of opinion that the Laws now in force sufficiently provide against the Evils desired to be remedyd in our Bill directing the Disposall of Servants &c^a Were there not Instances given you of two persons now in Goal who cannot be Releas'd without Endangering his Majestys peace, nor can be kept Confined without Burthening the Sheriffe with their maintainance, and the masters with the Total loss of their Servants; we might think your Hon^{rs} were only mistaken in the Case But since the Law you mention relating to Criminals ffees, nor any other Law we know of any way provides against the Inconvenience we give your Hon^{rs} a present Instance of, and that those persons Comitted can't be restored to their Liberty without a Violent Infringement of that right the people have by the Statutes of England and his Lordships Charter to have the publick peace Secured to them, and that the Masters have no Benefit of their Servants labour whilst Imprisoned nor can they sell them from the Sheriffs Custody whilst they are by Legal Comittment to be kept there: we cannot but think your not Assenting to this Bill must proceed from other motives than what you are pleased to mention to us. If there be any remedy provided in this Case Yo^r Hon^{rs} have not shewn us by what Law, nor have the Magistrates or parties Concerned had any knowledge or benefit of such remedy nor are we able to find one for them from any the Laws now in force, tho' Your Hon^{rs} are pleased to suppose one. If therefore the remedy be such A one as is unknown or impracticable it deserves not the name of remedy; but gives sufficient grounds for such a Bill as we propose; But if notwithstanding the