

Sent by John Hall Esq<sup>r</sup> who returns and says he Delivered U. H. J. the said Message

An Engros'd Bill from the Lower House by M<sup>r</sup> Dent and M<sup>r</sup> Pemberton Entituled An Act for reviving the Act for better relief of poor Debtors thus subscribed viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly Nov<sup>r</sup> the 2<sup>d</sup> 1725

Read and Assented to by the Lower House of Assembly & p. 84

Signed p order M. Jenifer Cl. Lo. Ho.

Which was read and Assented to by this House and ordered to be so subscribed.

And the Paper Bill so Endorsd was sent down by Col<sup>o</sup> Richard Tilghman who returns and says he Delivered it

A Message from the Lower House by M<sup>r</sup> Waughop & M<sup>r</sup> Skinner (viz.)

By the Lower House of Assembly November the 2<sup>d</sup> 1725

May it please Yo<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>rs</sup>

To Confirm the Instances we have given you of the Inconveniencies this province at present labours under for want of such a Law as what we propose for the Selling Servants Imprison'd, we herewith send yo<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>rs</sup> for your perusal An Account of Imprisonment fees for the two Servants now in Prison, amounting to betwixt Ten and Eleven Thousand pounds of Tobacco. This Sum has arose due for want of such a Law as we now propose for the Selling them in time whereby the Sheriff might have been paid his ffees without Burthen to the publick and the Masters have had the Overplus and the Servants their Liberty, in some part of the world where there Liberty would be less dangerous to the Com<sup>m</sup>unity than here. We therefore desire your Honours further Consideration of that Bill.

Signed p order M. Jenifer Cl. Lo. Ho.

To which the following Answer was prepared Viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly Nov<sup>r</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> 1725.

Gentlemen.

Upon Considering your Messages of the first & second of November relating to two Servants Committed some time agoe to the Common Goal of Annapolis, and the Law proposed for relief therein; we are of opinion that where the remedy proposed for the redress of any Evil Appears to be more mischeivious than the Evil it self Common prudence adviseth to the avoiding all such Remedys as hurtfull to the

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