

declaring Probatts and acknowledgments &c: before the L. H. J. Magistrates of Annapolis to be Valid.

And the Bill to Encourage the Taking up of Runaway Negroes Severally thus Endorst viz:

By the Upper House of Assembly

Octo<sup>r</sup> the 29<sup>th</sup> 1725

The Engrost Bill whereof this is the originall is Assented to by this House

Sign'd p Order Geo: Plater Cl. Up: Ho:

The following Message is prepared viz:

By the Lower House of Assembly

Octo<sup>r</sup> the 29<sup>th</sup> 1725

May it please Your Honours.

Notwithstanding Your Message of this day by John Hall Esq<sup>r</sup> we shall still persist in our Resolution of Declining all unnecessary Debates with you and shall Act both with Respect to you and us as becomes the peoples Representatives. If by your Message of the 28<sup>th</sup> Instant you did not give us Reason to believe that you were of Opinion no Servants ought to be Committed but for some Misbehaviour or Offence Actually Committed we misconcieved it. We demonstrated in our former Message an Evill that wanted a Remedy, we proposed a Remedy by this Bill, and beg'd you if you did not like it to propose a Better. You neither seem to like it nor propose any other, and 'tis plain the Acts already in force provide not in the Case. It follows then that an Evill Remains which we endeavour but you decline to Remedy. Our Duty Nevertheless Obliges us to Insist upon your further Consideration of the Evill Complained of and the Bill proposed to Redress it

Signed p Order Mich: Jenifer Cl. Lo: Ho:

Which was sent to the Upper House by M<sup>r</sup> King and M<sup>r</sup> Johnson

They Return and say they delivered it

M<sup>r</sup> Speaker Communicates to this House his Honour the Governours Answer to the further Address of this House viz:

29<sup>th</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1725

Gentlemen.

I have perused your address to me of Yesterday, to which please to Recieve my following Answer.