

prevent the importing too Great a Number of Irish papists U. H. J.  
into this Province thus Subscribed Viz.

October the 27<sup>th</sup> 1724

Read and Assented to by the Lower House of Assembly &  
Signed p Order M. Jenifer Cl. Lo. Ho.

Which Bill being read is likewise Assented to by this  
House

One Other Bill intituled An Act for the Relief of the  
Devises of James Philips the Elder and Anthony Philips late  
of Baltimore County deceased thus indorsed Viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly October 26<sup>th</sup> 1724

Read the first and second times by especial Order and  
will pass

Signed p Order M. Jenifer Cl Lo. Ho.

A Message from the Lower House by M<sup>r</sup> Tyler & Captain  
King viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly Oct<sup>r</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1724

May it please your Honours.

Having considered the Representation of the Clergy sent  
us from your Honours and that it hath Appeared to us that  
some Clergymen within this Prvince Have misbehaved them-  
selves in a manner so Inconsistent with their Character and  
Prejudicial to Religion that instead of being Guides to the  
people and preventing their being misled by Popish Priests  
and Other Enemies to the Church of England their Misbe-  
haviour & ill Example have been the most prevailing motives  
with severall Weak people to forsake the Communion of the  
best Church in the World and with others to look upon all  
Religion as an Imposture and a cheat & for that the Irregu-  
larities complained of are presumed to be owing in a Great  
measure to the Want of some Judicature to correct the Of-  
fendors who as appears by the Representation now before us  
claim an Exemption from any Jurisdiction in the Hands of  
Laymen And that we see no Probability of any Jurisdiction  
being established which some to avoid Just Punishment will  
not have the same Objection to We think it our indispensable  
duty until the Establishment of an Unexceptionable Judicature  
to make use of all the means in our Power to put some check  
to practices so destructive of our Religion and We do not make  
the least doubt of your Honours Assistance and Concurrence