

to the Common Goal of Annapolis, and the Law proposed for L. H. J. Relief therein, we are of Opinion that where the Remedy proposed for the Redress of any Evill, appears to be more Mischievous than the Evill it Self, Common Prudence adviseth the avoiding all such Remedies as hurtfull to the Publick for the Mischiefs of Confining Servants so long without bringing them to a Legall Tryall, Evinceth the Mistake of the Magistrate, or the Innocency of the parties Committed; for if any Law for Committing them, the same Law without doubt had made provision for their Punishment, but if the President now before us should give Rise to a Law for Relief in like Cases: we are apprehensive that the Servants of Many the good people of this Province would Stand Committed for very trifling Matters, and Sometimes for nothing at all; and generally Subjected to the Complaints of Malicious Neighbours, who may be born away with a Design of Injuring the Masters Rather than any design of Punishing the Vice of the Offender an Evill which we Cannot Consent to bring upon the Inhabitants of this Province, By passing a Bill of so Extraordinary a Nature, may Carry more Evill Consequences with it than we at present Can be aware of.

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

Benjamin Tasker Esq^r from the Upper House delivers M^r Speaker the Bill to Restrain the Ill practice of Attorneys thus p. 90 Endorst viz:

By the Upper House of Assembly

Novem^r the 2^d 1725

The fees in the County Courts as Usuell four Hundred pounds of Tobacco (besides the provinciall fee) for Riding the Circuit and these Words if a Quaker to be Incerted after the Word Affirmation and the Act to be made for three Years With these amendments this Bill will pass.

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

Phillip Lee Esq^r from the Upper House delivers M^r Speaker the following Message viz:

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Novem^r the 2^d 1725

Gentlemen.

This House does appoint Philemon Lloyd Esq^r and Coll^o Richard Tilghman to Conferr with such Members as your