

Thereupon Coll^o Thomas Addison and Coll^o Richard Tilgh- U. H. J.
man two of the members of this House Enter their Pro- p. 24
testations against Passing the said Bill which are as follows
viz.

Gent. There are two reasons that Oblige me to be against passing this Bill and they are both I think grounded on the Laws of the Land and the Liberty of the Subject (which are inseperable) and I doubt not but will always be very valueable and dear to every member of this House

The first is that the Practitioners of the Law are (contrary to Law) Condemn'd of Evil practices without Enquireing into the truth of those facts that Comon fame only (the worst of Authors) Charges them with.

The other is that a Subject is restrained from makeing what legall Use he sees fit of one part of his Interest to preserve and defend the other; he is indeed deprived of the Liberty of using or bestowing his Effects as he sees fit, which with Submission I think was hardly ever done in an English Government Except in the Case of Superstitious uses, and some other very Extraordinary Instances.

These things Gent are so Convincing to my Conscience that I cannot Consent to passing the Bill as it stands and as I think it Contrary to Law and the Rights of the Subject I pray those reasons and my Protestacon against passing the Bill may be Entred

22^d March 1725

Tho Addison

Reasons Offered by Richard Tilghman against Passing the Bill for restraining the ill practices of Attorneys &c^a in the Upper House of Assembly the 22^d of March 1725 as follows viz^t

1st The Complaints set forth in the preamble which seems p. 25 to be the only reason for passing the Bill, do not appear to me to be well grounded.

2^{dly} The Substance of the Bill is Discourageing to the Study of the Law which I take to be a necessary Branch of Learning in order to Support our Liberty & property.

3^{dly} The Bill seems to me Contrary to reason for that it restrains every man from makeing use of such part of his property as he may think necessary to in Order to preserve the whole

Richard Tilghman