

from the Lower House by John Beale Esq^r & M^r Gant thus U. H. J.
indorsed viz.

October the 28th 1724

Read & Assented to by the Lower House of Assembly &
Sign'd p Order M. Jenifer Cl Lo Ho.

Read Again the Act intituled An Act relieving the Inhabitants of this Province from some difficulties they may labour under in paying &c^a this Year & this indorsement made thereon viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly Oct. 28. 1724.

Gentlemen.

On Reading and Considering this Bill we Observe that altho we find it to be drawn as near as may be consonant and Agreeable to the Report of the Conferees appointed upon this Occasion and the farther directions of both Houses of Assembly relating thereto yet upon A second consideration thereof many Inconveniencies do Occur to us which will render the Bill more injurious than advantageous to the Good people of this Province The Inconveniencies We apprehend are as follows 1 We are Apprehensive that it will be a great Inducement to Perjury 2 that it gives some people an opportunity to delay payment this Year tho they have Tobacco for many men may make Oath on or before the 25th day of December that they have no Tobacco nor any due to them that they can get and yet collect great Sums afterwards and dispose of them as they please without applying any part to the discharge of their Publick or Private debts. 3 That people being Obliged by Oath to Apply all their Tobacco to particular Engagements will be injurious to Other Creditors especially to Merchants and late Sheriffs 4 It is no Benefit to poor People for if they must apply all their Tobacco to particular Ingagements they will not have any to supply their Greatest necessities so that the Remedy is Worse than the Disease 5 That Tradesmen and others who never make it their employm^t to make Tobacco may avoid paying not only their Private Contracts but publick dues also 6 It will be productive of a Multitude of Law Suits for Creditors finding themselves Aggrieved by Colour of this Law will be more Severe with their debtors for the time to come 7 That as in some former Laws so in this many unforeseen difficulties and Mischiefs will Arise in the Execution of it For which Reasons we cannot Agree to pass this Bill as it now Stands

Signed p Order Samuel Skippon Cl Up Ho.