

U. H. J. of the Bill for Advancing the Staple of this province make report of the Conference to the Board which report is as follows viz.

At a Conference appointed by the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly and held in the Conference Chamber on Thursday the 21st of July 1726 on the Subject matter of the Bill for Advancing the Staple of this province

The members appointed are as follows.

the Honble	{	Philemon Lloyd Esq ^r Col Mathew T. Ward	James Bowles Esq ^r Philip Lee Esq ^r	}	Of the Upper House
The honble	{	Col ^o John Mackall Col ^o T. Trucman Greenfield	Capt. Robert King Vachel Denton Esq ^r M ^r James Holliday M ^r Thomas Gant John Beale Esq ^r M ^r Walter Smith	}	Of the Lower House
		James Harris Esq ^r Capt. George Dent Capt. Levin Gale Capt. Henry Hooper			

Who Choose Philemon Lloyd Esq^r Chairman and George Plater Clk and thereupon proceed to the Subject matter given them in Charge

1st The said Conferrees upon Mature Consideration of the Bill aforesaid are of Opinion that the Clause relating to Cutting up Tobacco plants this present year stand as in the Bill.

2 That the Deduction of One third of all Tobacco Debts and publick Allowances likewise stand as the Bill directs.

3 That foreign Merchants ought not to be Exempt from the deduction therein

Signed p order Geo. Plater Cl Conf.

Which Report being read is not Agreed to by this House.

Read the Bill for Encouragement of Husbandry and Tillage which is ordered to be thus Endorst viz.

By the Upper house of Assembly July the 22^d 1726.

Read and will pass

Signed p Order Geo Plater Cl Up Ho.

[Sent down by James Bowles Esq^r]