

Bill for amendment of the Law were severally read and L. H. J. ordered to be laid on the Table.

A Bill reviving the Act for raising three pence p hh^d And A Bill reviving the Act ascertaining the Gauge & Tare of Tob^o Hh^{ds} were severally read the first & second times by especiall Order & past And were so endorst and sent to the Upper House by Cap^t Hooper & M^r Denton

They return and say they delivered them

John Hall Esq^r from the Upper House delivers M^r Speaker The paper Bill for relief of W^m Bozman thus endorst viz.

July the 19th 1726.

The engrost Bill whereof this is the originall is read & assented to by the Upper House of Ass^y

Signd p order Geo. Plater Cl Up Ho.

And delivers the following Message viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly July the 19th 1726.

Gent.

It having been represented to this House th^t severall Convicts have lately attempted (by way of Monokosey) to make their Escape, and may probably seduce others to follow their Example And also that sundry Negroes have and may by the same Way make their Escape to the Shuano Town, to the great prejudice of the proprietors, and seeing the late Law for taking up Negroes is not Comprehensive enough to prevent their Escape; It is recommended to your House to consider of some further means that may be more Effectuall to prevent the af^d Evills, and also give a suitable reward for the bringing back the negroes already there, and inflicting severe punishments on such Convicts as shall hereafter attempt to escape.

Sign'd p order. Geo Plater Cl. Up. Ho.

The House adjourns till two a Clock afternoon.

Post Merediam.

The House meet

Col^o Addison from the Upper House del^s M^r Speaker The two reviving Bills sent up in the Morning thus endorst viz.

By the Upper House of Ass^{ly} July the 19th 1726

Read & will pass.

Signd p Order Geo. Plater Cl up H^o