

Bill for repealing the said Act is prepared & read the first & L. H. J. second Times by especiall Ord^r & past which was so endorst And Sent to the Upper House by Maj Harris & Cap^t Dent wth the foll^o Mess^a viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly July the 20th 1726.
May it please your Honours.

It having been represented to this House by some of the members from most of the Counties wthin this Province that notwithstanding the good Intent design'd by An Act entituled an Act for the relief and release of poor distressed Prisoners for Debt it proves of very pernicious Consequence, And it hitherto appearing rather to give Encouragement to such persons whose Inclinations lead them to act the Part of Knaves than of honest Men, We have thought it absolutely necessary to repeale that Act, as We accordingly have in the manner herewith sent, And have made a Resolve in this House that for the future no Petition for the Relief of any distressed prisoner for Debt be recēd in this House but such as shall come to this House recomended from and Signd by the Justices of the County wherein the pet^r is detain'd (or the Major part of them) in Court sitting who certainly must be best acquainted wth such Petitioner's reall Condition and who 'tis not doubted will allways take particular Care that such Pet^{rs} Case be stated in the truest Light, And We apprehend from thence that none but such as are reall Objects and worthy relief will meet wth Encouragem^t to apply to the Legislature for their Aid, And thereby all Villany will be detected, And the Charge to the Country in a great Part lessened.

Sign'd p Ord^r M Jenifer Cl. lo. ho.

They return and say they delivered them.

The House adjourns till to Morrow Morning Eight of the Clock.

Thursday Morning July the 21st 1726.

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The House meet according to Adjournment

Yesterdays Proceedings are read

John Hall Esq^r wth three others from the Upper House delivers M^r Speaker the following Message viz.

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On reading the Bill prepar'd by your House for advancing the Staple of this province We are of Opinion that it is now too late to cut up part of the present Crop (which is not likely