

U. H. J. Province by Captain Hooper and M^r Bozman thus endorsed viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly 9^{ber} 4th 1724

Read the first and second times by especial Order and will Pass

Signed p Order M Jenifer Cl Lo Ho.

A message as follows.

By the Lower House of Assembly November 4th 1724.

[May it please your Honours]

p. 163 In order to shorten the further continuance of this Session and to Avoid any further debates on the Bill for reviving the Act for Limitation of Officers fees &c^a We have concluded to Strike out the last Paragraph thereof relating to Hemp and Flax and have prepared a Supplementary Bill to the Act for Encouraging the making Hemp and Flax herewith sent instead thereof and hope the same will pass in your House

Signed p Order M Jenifer Cl Lo Ho.

Read the Message of October 30th by M^r Dashiel and M^r Young and the following Answer prepared thereto viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly November 4th 1724
Gentlemen.

We think we have complied with our Promise to you and our duty to our Country as far as it relates to the differences between the People and Sheriffs In Passing the Reviving Bill for Officers fees with the provision therein made for that purpose but your Reasons in your Message of October 30th by M^r Dashiel and M^r Young are not sufficient to remove all Inconveniencies we Apprehend from a popular election of Sheriffs for Altho' the Charge and trouble of electing Delegates must be born with for Supporting the rights and priviledges of the People yet there is not the same necessity for that charge and Trouble to elect Sheriffs in prejudice of the Prerogative Besides if the Laws in force to prevent the oppression of the Sheriffs will be a restraint upon them in so doing which in your message you assert your Chief Reason for a Popular Election fails, and We are of Opinion that the Laws heretofore and at this Sessions provided will very well Secure the People from Oppression by the Sheriffs but if notwithstanding the Sheriffs should make use of any illegal means so to do We doubt not but his Honour the Governor upon Complaint to him made will take care to restrain or displace