

U. H. J. A Bill from the Lower House by M^r Benjamin Mackall and M^r Skinner Entituled An Act for the relief of Christopher Bonfield a languishing prisoner in Calvert County Goal thus endors'd viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly October the 24th 1728
Read the first and second time by an especial Order and will pass.
Signed ꝑ Order M Macnemara Cl lo Ho.

Read in this House and Ordered to lie on the Table
Adjourn'd till to morrow Morning nine of the Clock

October 25

Friday Morning October the 25th 1728.

This House met again according to Adjournment. Psent as yesterday

Read the second time the Bill for the relief of Francis Mercer of Somerset County which is ordered to be thus endors'd viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly October the 25th 1728
Read and will not pass
Signed ꝑ Order Geo. Plater Cl. Up. Ho.

Which is sent to the Lower House by Col^o Richard Tilghman.
The following message is prepared and sent to the Lower House by Col^o Rich^d Tilghman viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly October the 25th 1728
Gentlemen

Forasmuch as some doubts have lately arose whether free Bottoms should pay the duty laid upon Irish papists and negroes by the Act Entituled An Act for laying an additional duty of 20 shillings Current money ꝑ Poll on all Irish Servants being papists &c^a altho the same hath been collected by the several Naval Officers
p. 367 ever since the passing of it and paid to the Treasurers for the purposes in that Act mentioned especially by the late M^r Robert Ungle who was Speaker of the Lower House of Assembly at the making of that Act and may well be supposed to understand the true intention of it

We recommend to your Consideration whether it be not adviseable to make an Explanatory Act in favour of the County Schools for whose support that duty was laid.

Sign'd ꝑ Order Geo Plater Cl. Up. Ho.