

Richard Tilghman Esq<sup>r</sup> from the Upper House delivers to M<sup>r</sup> L. H. J. Speaker the Bill Entituled an Act for the releif of Francis Mercer of Somerset County Merchant thus Indorsed (Viz.)

By the Upper House of Assembly October 24<sup>th</sup> 1728.

Read the first time and Ordered to lie on the Table.

Signed p Order. Geo: Plater Cl: Up: Ho:

And (thus)

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By the Upper House of Assembly, October 25<sup>th</sup> 1728

Read the second time and will Pass.

Signed p order. Geo: Plater Cl: Up: Ho:

And the following Message (Viz.) [The text of this message is printed at page 138.]

The Question being put whether a Tobacco Law should be Prepared to restrain the number of Plants to Seven thousand Plants of Tobacco for each Taxable making an Allowance for Poor People that have but one Taxable and Children not being Taxables and Single women that have none one fourth part of all Publick and County Levys and Parochial Charges and Lawyers fees to be deducted if the Tobacco be Paid in Specie, and the Officers fees to be Paid according to the regulation of 1725 with Liberty to pay all Publick and other Dues Charges and fees in Mony at ten Shillings Currant mony p Cent at the Election of the Debtor or not Resolved in the Affirmative. p. 103

The Bill Entituled an Act for emproving the Staple of Tobacco being read was ordered to be thus indorsed viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly October 25<sup>th</sup> 1728.

Read the second time and will pass.

Signed p Order M. Macnemara Cl: Lo: ho:

The House adjourns till to morrow Morning 9 a Clock.

Saturday October 26<sup>th</sup> 1728.

October 26

The House met this Day according to Adjournment. The Members were called and all were Present as Yesterday, Yesterdays Proceedings were read over.