

Paragraph giving the Judges a discretionary Power of punishing, U. H. J. be omitted: And that the Judgment for the Crimes mentioned in the said Act, be, To have the Right Hand cut off, the Offender hanged in the usual manner, the head severed from the Body, the Body divided into four Quarters, and the head and Quarters set up in the most publick Place of the County where the Fact was committed, And that a Clause be inserted, to allow the Owner of any Slave that shall be executed for any Crime or Crimes whatsoever, the whole Value of the s^d Slave, instead of Three fourths allowed by a former Law

Signed p Order John Ross Cl Up Ho.

Sent to the Lower house by Coll M. T. Ward

A Message from the Lower house by Major Hanson and M^r Hamilton

By the Lower house of Assembly 18th July 1729

May it please Your Honours

The very low State of the Tobacco trade, makes it the Duty of Every Man in Maryland, to consider of the most probable means he can think of, to raise the Price of it, since We have very little else to depend on to supply us with common Necessaries, besides the Produce of that Commodity. This Consideration has put us as well upon examining the late Tobacco Law, correcting some things in it, that We conceive to be amiss, and making some other Provision to p. 16 render it more effectual; as also upon considering the Advantages which would probably result from concerting Measures with Our Neighbours of Virginia (who depend upon the Produce of Tobacco as well as We do) to raise the Price of Our Staple. And this House being unanimously of Opinion, that a friendly Correspondence with Virginia, to the Ends already mention'd would be very advantageous to both Countries: We desire Your Honours will appoint some of your Members to confer with some Members of this House, concerning the best Method of carrying on such a Correspondence

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

Whereunto the following Answer being prepared is sent to the Lower House by Coll Tilghman

By the Upper house of Assembly 18th July 1729

Gentlemen

In Answer to your Message this Afternoon by Major Hanson and M^r Hamilton This House hath appointed Philemon Lloyd, John Rousby & Philip Lee Esq^{rs} to meet any of the Members your House shall appoint, in a Conference to consider of the means of carrying