

ment Page 33^d Line 9th; We are willing the Exception therein U. H. J. made should be confined only to Debts due to the King & Lord Proprietary their heirs & Successors, to their own Use & Benefit, & not to such as are applicable to the use of any other Person or Persons: which are the greatest Concessions We can make: And therefore We desire the Bill aforesaid (with the several other Amendments before made by this house, & which We now insist on) may pass

Signed p Order John Ross Cl Up Ho.

Read the Bill Entituled an Act for improving the Staple of Tobacco & for easing the Inhabitants of this Province in the payment of Tobacco Debts & Ordered to be thus Endorsed

By the Upper house of Assembly 30th July 1729

Read & will not pass

Signed p Order John Ross Cl Up Ho.

Sent to the Lower house with the following Message by John Hall & Benjamin Tasker Esq^r

By the Upper house of Assembly 30th July 1729

Gentlemen

Upon reading the Bill Entituled an Act for improving the Staple of Tobacco, & for easing the Inhabitants of this Province in the Payment of Tobacco Debts transmitted to us from your house for Our Concurrence & having taken the same under Our most serious Consideration have made the following Observations thereon, which we hope will carry such Weight as to convince you of the necessity of Our not assenting thereto, tho' the said bill has been so long the Subject of your mature deliberations p. 46

By the Tobacco Law pass'd last Session many People of this Province are lyable to discount a fourth of their Debts if paid in Tobacco, & if in money at the Rate of Ten Shillings p hundred, on a Supposition that the Quantity of Tob^o would be very much decreased, whereas by a natural Intendment of the Votes of your house, it appears, that such or even any Decrease of Tob^o in Quantity is not now presumed to be a likely Effect of that Law, since you think not his Lordship Our Lord Proprietary any ways entituled to an Equivalent, which in Honour Justice & Gratitude could not otherways have been denied;

This induces us to think it highly unreasonable that particular Persons should previously be subjected to a Defalcation of One fourth in their Dues, or tyed down to Ten Shillings p hundred for the whole, since the Effects of a Tobacco Law are manifestly un-