Read a second time the Bill Entituled an Act to Encourage the U. H. J. Importation of Gold & Silver into this Province, & Ordered to be thus Endorsed

By the Upper house of Assembly 1st August 1729

Read a second Time & will pass with the following Amendments Instead of the Preamble in the s<sup>d</sup> bill the following One be inserted; Whereas the Effects of the Scarcity of Gold and Silver into this Province are very sensibly felt by the Inhabitants thereof, in Order therefore to give a suitable Encouragement to any Person who shall import into this Province any Quantity of Gold or Silver; & after the Word Person, at the End of the third Line of the third p. 50 side these Words be added, for my Use with Design of bringing it back again for the Allowance of fifteen p Cent on the Duties arising upon the Commodities by me now imported

Signed p Order John Ross Cl Up Ho.

Sent to the Lower house by Coll Tilghman

A Bill from the Lower house by Mr Hanson & Mr Matthews Entituled an Act providing what shall be good Evidence to prove foreign & other Debts & to prevent Vexatious & unnecessary Suits at Law &c thus Endorsed

By the Lower house of Assembly 1st August 1729

Read the first & second Time by an Especial Order & will pass

Signed p Order M: Macnemara Cl Lo. Ho.

Read the first Time in this house & Ordered to lye on the Table The Question being put whether the Additional supplementary Act to the several Acts for the Administration of Justice be received in this House? Passed in the Negative

The following Message being prepared is sent to the Lower house by Coll Ward

By the Upper house of Assembly 1st August 1729 Gentlemen

We take it to have been the Constant Practice of Parliaments, after Bills have been once read, & Amendments made thereunto, in Either house, that such Bills together with the Amendments, or so many of them as shall have been agreed to by both houses should pass into Acts; it is Matter of Surprize therefore to this house that the Bill for the better Administration of Justice &c with Sundry Amendments & Concessions afterwards made therein, as by our