

U. H. J. all your Amendments & Concessions to the bill Entituled an Act for the better Administration of Justice in Testamentary affairs, granting Administrations, Recovery of Legacies, securing filial  
 p. 53 Portions, & Distribution of Intestates Estates, and for repealing the several Laws therein mentioned, for the fact is quite otherwise, But as several things were agreed to by your Honours & this house as Amendments, Additions and Alterations necessary to be made to the several Acts in Testamentary Affairs &c We thought it more advantageous to the Country to pass a bill containing what were so agreed to, than to spend the Countrys money & our own time in controverting Points which your Honours had declared you could not or would not concede to, & which We could not depart from (as we conceive) without doing a great deal of Injury to Our Country. And we believe Our Proceedings in that manner, as well as in keeping a Bill began in our own house, to which your Honours proposed several Amendments we could not agree to, to be agreeable to the Practice of Parliament, and Our Duty, and that your Honours could not reasonably suppose that We had agreed to any of your Amendments that the last Bill sent you did not contain: However if Your Honours will still reject a Bill, confessedly beneficial to the People we represent, We shall enjoy the Satisfaction w<sup>ch</sup> always accompanys the faithful discharge of Mens Duty, tho hindered of enjoying the fruit of Our Labour, & of the great Expencc the Country must be at by the Sitting of this Assembly

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

Two Engrossed Bills from the Lower house by M<sup>r</sup> Dashiel & M<sup>r</sup> Johnson the One Entituled an Act concerning the Parishes in S<sup>t</sup> Marys & Charles Counties the Other Entituled an Act for the assessing Ten p Poll on the Inhabitants of S<sup>t</sup> Pauls & S<sup>t</sup> Lukes Parishes in Queen Anns County severally thus subscribed

1<sup>st</sup> August 1729

Read & assented to by the Lower house of Assembly

Signed p Order M Macnemara Cl. Lo. Ho.

Read & assented to by this house & Ordered to be so subscribed the Paper Bills so Endorsed are sent to the Lower house by John Hall Esq<sup>r</sup>

A Bill from the Lower house by M<sup>r</sup> George and M<sup>r</sup> Edmundson Entituled an Act to aid the Proceedings of some of the County Courts within this Province thus Endorsed

p. 54 By the Lower house of Assembly 1<sup>st</sup> August 1729

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

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