

The following Message being prepared is sent to the Lower house U. H. J.
by Philemon Lloyd Esq^r

By the Upper house of Assembly 4th August 1729

Gentlemen.

In Answer to your Message of this Day by M^r Worthington & M^r Thompson relating to the Bill for the Relief of Thomas Worsley & others; We are still of Opinion that the Sheriff ought to be paid the fees due to him for their Imprisonment, before the Prisoners are released, for it is an insupportable Loss to the Sheriffs, and especially to the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County, who has Prisoners in Custody from all Parts of the Country, & is obliged to maintain them at a much greater Charge in this publick Place, than any other Sheriffs in this Province are, to have them discharged without any Satisfaction for the Extraordinary Expence, he is at in maintaining them

As to what you say in Relation to our passing the Bill for the Relief of Christopher Gardiner, We answer, that he is thereby obliged to make a Resignation of his whole Estate, & the Sheriff will have his Proportion with the Creditors, but the Prisoners in this Bill are released upon other Terms & may perhaps at the End of Seven years be less able to pay the Sheriff his fees, than they now are, besides We are informed that One of them has found means to pay his Creditor & We think it reasonable the Sheriff be likewise paid, or at least have a proportionable part of what is raised p. 66 for the payment of the Creditor. We farther observe that in Gardiners Case there is no Opposition made to the passing of that Bill, & We are informed that the Sheriff is consenting to it, but the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County has petitioned against the passing the Bill now before us: And hope you will make some Provision in the Bill that the Imprisonment fees may be paid or secured before the Prisoners are released; without which Amendments the Bill will not pass

Signed p Order John Ross Cl. Up. Ho.

An Engrossed Bill from the Lower house by M^r George & M^r Edmonson Entituled an Act to aid the Proceedings of some of the County Courts of this Province thus subscribed

4th 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 bill so Endorsed is sent to the Lower house by Coll Ward.