

U. H. J. and other Officers, after the word Lawyers, be left out, & in 24<sup>th</sup> Line of 4<sup>th</sup> Page between the Words Counter, and, any, the Words following be inserted, such Person paying the whole Cost accruing upon such Prosecution

Signed p Order John Ross Cl. Up. Ho.

Sent to the Lower house by Benjamin Tasker Esq<sup>r</sup> with the following Message

By the Upper house of Assembly 6<sup>th</sup> August 1729

Gentlemen

We have read & Considered your Message of the 2<sup>d</sup> Instant by Mr Beale & five others in Answer to Ours of the 30<sup>th</sup> of July last, & are sorry to find our Reasons therein given for not passing the bill sent up by your house for improving the staple of Tobacco, & for easing the Inhabitants of this Province in the Payment of Tobacco Debts have not given you Satisfaction; but we are much more Concerned and surprized at your alledging that you never heard any Attempts have been made to procure his Lordships Dissent to the former Tobacco Law when it has been so publickly talked of & notoriously known throughout this whole Province that the Clergy have had some meetings upon that Occasion, & as 'tis generally thought some of them are gone over to Great Britain, on purpose to procure a Dissent to that Law, Our surprize is still augmented when you say you cannot conceive to what End such Application should be made, whereas it is known to all Persons who have any Experience in Publick Affairs that such Applications have heretofore proved fatal to our Laws by inducing his Lordship to dissent to them, for altho it be true as you assert that we have a legislative Power within this Province, and that Our Laws when Enacted here have the force of Laws, yet we have repeated Instances that when the Royal Prerogative or that Part of it which his Lordship is invested with by the Royal Charter has been exercised in dissenting to Our Laws, they have been no longer esteemed as such, nor are ever put in Execution to those Ends & Purposes for which they were designed; you confess that his Lordship has dissented to several of Our Laws, & tell us that you hope it will soon be determined whether he has Authority so to do, or not, to which We answer that whenever it shall be determined by a proper Authority that his Lordship has not that dissenting Power, we shall readily submit to such Determination, but till then We think Ourselves obliged to be conformable to Our legislative Constitution in such manner as it has been derived to us from our Ancestors

We are very much alarmed & think ourselves injured by forced Constructions put upon Our Message, as if We intended anything