

Opinion of this House, that it is Absolutely necessary to prepare U. H. J. some Bills in Order to be past into Laws, to the same End, with those which have been Dissented to, We are at a loss to know what Objections were made to the said Acts, or upon what Motives or reasons his Lordship Dissented to them, And being very desirous at this time, to Avoid all Just and reasonable Objections, and to make Our Laws as unexceptionable as we can; We request Your Honour will be pleased to Communicate to this House, the Objections made to the said Laws with the reasons and Motives that Occasioned His Lordship to Dissent to them, that We may not give the like Occasion.

Signed p Order of the House Jn^o Mackall Speaker

May the 23^d

To which His Excellency returned the following Answer by Coll^o Ward and Benjamin Tasker Esq^r

Gentlemen.

In Answer to Your Address, presented me on Saturday last, wherein you request to know the reasons and Inducements for His Lordships late Dissents, I hope the following particulars, will give you some satisfaction therein and it is a more Sensible pleasure to me, to Observe the Great Prudence and Caution wherewith you seem desirous to proceed.

As to the Dissent to the Act prescribing the form of Oath of Judge or Justice, I apprehend, that the words thereof are thought liable to Ambiguous Construction and that the import of them may be carried farther than the real Useage and Constitution of this Province

The Lord Proprietary in great Tenderness to this Province transmitted such form of Oath, as by mature Advice, he thought would Answer Your Just desires; if you have any reasonable Objections thereto, It were I think, proper, to represent them in a Dutiful manner To His Lordship.

I send you herewith some reasons offered against the late Tobacco Law which I presume will lead into the Causes of that Dissent, besides the Infringement that Law was thought to make on the Establishment of the Clergy in this Province

I send you also the Case Stated in Relation to the Attorneys Law with his Majestys Attorney and Sollicitor General's Opinions thereon which I suppose were the Grounds of the Dissent to that Law.

The Law for the Division of Parishes in S^t Marys and Charles Countys received a Dissent as not agreeable to the Laws and Useage p. 13 of England, which never deprive a present Incumbent without his own Consent, of any profits of the Parish, whereunto he was Inducted.

Against the Supplementary Act to the Act for Establishing Religious Worship &c that Clause thereof whereby the Incumbent