

U. H. J. By the Lower House of Assembly 27th May 1730

May it please Your Honours

John Aldridge of Prince Georges County hath Petitioned this House to allow him in Mony for Four thousand and five hundred pounds of Tobacco at Twelve Shillings and six pence Current Money 7 Cent, for a negro belonging to him Convicted last year for a Capital Crime, and this House having Granted the said Petition desireth Your Honours Concurrence

Signed 7 Order M: Macnemara Cl: Lo: Ho.

Whereunto the following Answer being prepared is sent to the Lower House by Coll^o Rider

By the Upper House of Assembly 27th May 1730

Gentlemen

This House doth agree to the Allowance of Twelve Shillings and Six pence Currency 7 Cent for the Value of the Negroe of M^r Aldridge as proposed by your Message of this Afternoon by Coll^o Belt and M^r Sprigg.

Signed 7 Order John Ross Cl. Up. Ho.

Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

May 28

Thursday Morning 28th May 1730.

This House met again according to Adjournment.

Present as Yesterday with the Addition of John Rousby Esq^r

A Message from the Lower House by Coll^o Greenfield & M^r Dulany

By the Lower House of Assembly May the 28th 1730

May it Please Your Honours.

This House having taken into Consideration the heads of a Bill for a Tobacco Law prepared by the Committee of both houses Hath made some Alterations therein in the following particulars Viz. That all Taxables employed in making Tobacco to be Allowed to Tend 6000 Plants, all Male or Female House keepers having but One Taxable for him or herself For such Taxable 7000 Male Children of Poor people from 12 to 16. 3000 All White Women allowed by the former Act to Tend Tobacco 3000. All persons having more than One Taxable and not more than four to tend with each Male Child and each Servant or Slave from 13 to 16. 3000. All persons having 5 Taxables or more who work without doors not to be allowed any Tobacco for themselves or their Children under 16 Years of Age but to be allowed for Servants or Slaves between 13 and 16. With which alterations We desire Your Concurrence and that You'll ap-