

By the lower House of Assembly August 26th 1731

U. H. J.

Read the second time and will pass.

Signed p Order M Macnemara Cl. Lo. Ho.

Read the first time in this House and ordered to lye on the Table.

Adjourned till two of the Clock in the Afternoon

Eodem Die post Meridiem.

This House met again According to Adjournm^t

Present as in the Morning.

A Message from the lower House by M^r Harris and M^r Johnson.

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May it please Yo^r Honours

It Appears by the Votes of the House of Commons of the fifth of May last, That it was resolved an Humble Address should be presented to his Majestie, that he would be Graciously pleased to give directions to the Commissioners for Trade and Plantations to prepare a representation, to be laid before the House of Commons, in the next Session of Parliament of the State of His Majesties Colonies & Plantations in America with respect to any Laws made, Manufactures set Up & Trade carried on there, w^{ch} may Effect the Trade Navigation & Manufactures of Great Brittain, and that the Same day a Motion was made & a Question Proposed that an Humble Address should be presented to His Majestie, That he would be Graciously pleased to give such Orders & Instructions to the severall Govern^{rs} of His Colonies & plantations in America as His Maj^{tie} should think Proper to prevent the setting up, or to Discourage the Improvement, in any of the s^d Colonies of Woollen, Linnen, Iron and other Manufactures w^{ch} may Interfere with & be prejudicial to the Manufactures of Great Brittain. p. 121

Your Honours are Sensible that Tobacco is the only Staple of this Province & the produce of that Comodity the only Dependance the People have of getting Common Necessarys for themselves & their Familys from Great Brittain, That at present & for some Years past, the produce of Tobacco has been so far from being Sufficient to furnish People with Clothing even of the Coarsest sort, That great Numbers of the Inhabitants might have gone Naked had they not Manufactured a little Wooll & Flax, and by their Industry that way made up in some Measure the Deficiency of the Necessary's w^{ch} their Cropps of Tobacco would not Supply them wth This being well known to Your Honours to be the present Case of Maryland, We need use no Arguments to induce you to believe, that should any Act of the Brittish Parliament be made to hinder the People here from making such Necessarys for themselves as the fruits of their labour,