

bers of Your House to joyn some of the Members of this House U. H. J. on a Conference in relation to the Subject matter of the said Message

Signed 7^o Order John Ross Cl. Up. Ho.

Read the Petition of Johanna Hall late Johanna Philips mother & Natural Guardian of James Philips & Susanna Philips Infants in behalfe of herselfe and James & Susanna praying leave to bring in a bill to Repeal An Act of Assembly formerly made in this Province & ordered to be thus Endorsed.

By the Upper House of Assembly 3^d Sept^r 1731

The Consideration of the within Petition is deferred till the next Session of Assembly and that Summons Issue for the parties concerned then to Appear.

A Message from the lower House by Maj^r King and Eleven more.

By the lower House of Assembly Sept^r 3^d 1731.

May it please Yo^r Honours.

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Your House having proposed to pass the Bill for the Relief of severall languishing prisoners for Debt, Except Richard Smith James Mason & John Norwood with some Amendments without Communicating any reasons to this House which Induced Your Honours to Except the said three persons; We are at a loss to conceive what your Reasons might be for Distinguishing these three unhappy men from other Prisoners in a manner that must certainly prove very prejudicial to their Creditors & Familys & may probably occasion the loss of their lives; That Death may be the Consequence of a long Imprisonm^t (which these unfortunate men must undergo unless they are releived by this Assembly) there have been Recent & Melancholly Instances in the Death of four men, who might probably live severall Years had they Enjoyed their liberty instead of being confined in a loathsome Goal, and we hope your Honours will not be for continuing the like meanes of Adding to their Number without some very Cogent & Extraordinary reasons such as ought to out weigh the Manifest Hazarding of Mens lives the Ruin of family's & the loss of Creditors; which we hope cannot be given in the Case of the persons your Honours would Except if such reasons can be given we shall Submit to them,

As to Richard Smith & John Norwood we find that they are recommended by the Justices of Prince Georges and Ann Arundell Countys as proper Objects of the Legislatures Compassion.

As to the other Amendments proposed by your Honours this House Agrees & desires your Honours will pass the bill upon making