

By the Lower house of Assembly 7 April 1736

U. H. J.

May it please your Honours

In Answer to your Message of this Day by Michael Howard Esq^r we take Leave to observe that as this house is, so we hope yours are convinced of the Justice of the several Sheriffs paying a proportion to his Creditors of what he receives for their Claims in the publick and County Levy and as We take it the Act for emitting and making Current ninety thousand pounds Current money in Bills of Credit fully justifies such a Construction, and the doing so seems intended thereby, therefore this house did on the Report of the Conferees appointed by both houses draw the Bill as it seems by your Honours thought improper, yet we hope your Honours on considering the following facts (which are made so by the Practices of Sheriffs to the Prejudice of the Inhabitants) will think such a Bill needful: The first is that all People and especially the Pensioners of Each County who certainly deserve to be treated with great Compassion are paid off their Allowance at Ten Shillings $\frac{7}{10}$ Cent whereas had they but a Proportion of the money paid and the Residue (which is their right) in Tobacco by the Sheriffs they might be much better accommodated and the Charge of the County reduced p. 59

Secondly that some of the Sheriffs as we are informed do actually use means whereby to evade receiving the money the People are allowed to pay in Discharge of their Dues: And we think any Imputation of a hardship put upon the Sheriffs thereby is removed when he is by the Law propos'd enabled to pay over to his Creditors the money he received for their use, a thing omitted in the first Act and therefore proposed to be provided for in this And as we Can by no means think your Honours are inclined the Body of the People should be at the Mercy of the Sheriffs in these Instances and as the only Way to prevent those Injuries and a Perpetual uneasiness between the Sheriffs and people (many of whom especially the Pensioners are not in any manner able to contend with the Sheriff for their right and must therefore sink under the Loss) can only be by explaining the Act first named & declaring its Intent, and We think that the Subject of the Address mentioned by your Honours is rather to make the Circulation of the Paper money diffusive in Instances not intended to be included in the Act first named and because We think the People will be under great Difficulties if they are obliged to pay their Levys in money only We entreat your Honours to agree with us in the reasonableness and Necessity of such a Bill and that your Honours will pass the Bill now in your house

Signed $\frac{7}{10}$ Order M Macnemara Cl Lo H.

Adjourned 'till to Morrow Morning nine of the Clock

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