

U. H. J. Read the first time the Bill Entituled An Act for the Tryal of all Matters of Fact in the several Counties where they have arisen or shall arise and ordered to lye on the Table

A Bill from the Lower House by Mess^{rs} King and Colville Entituled An Act for the Indemnity of such Persons as shall be employed in transporting his Majestys Troops to be raised in this Province to the General Rendezvous in the West Indies thus Endorsed

By the Lower House of Assembly 16 July 1740

Read the first and second time by an Especial Order and will pass

Signed p Order M Macnemara Ct Lo H.

and the following Message.

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May it please Your Honours

There having been at the last Session, so much of Our time and
p. 18 the Countrys money mispent in long and useless Messages We resolved without an absolute Necessity not to enter into the like Intercourse with Your Honours for the future; Wherefore We shall only in general observe on yours of yesterday by George Plater Esq^r that the granting of Money as well as raising the proper Fund, for the repaying it is the peculiar Privilege and Right of this House, nor have Your Honours offered any Reason sufficient to induce us to alter that Fund

We should have been glad Your Honours had pointed out wherein His Lordships Right to Fines for Ordinary Licenses consists when there is no Law in being for that Purpose; if those had been heretofore given to the Proprietaries, their Governors or Secretaries, it was doubtless as a Gratuity for Services done and favours received by the People, but surely there cannot be the like Claim for such or any other Gift or Gratuity at a time when We labour under intolerable Aggrievances, and have lost Our temporary and useful Laws unless We would buy or bargain for them, for want of which, the People are left a Prey [to] Officers and subjected to many Extortions and Inconveniencies; And altho' It may be true that an Ordinary Bill is not so necessary as you have heretofore insisted when you expected the Application of the Monies to his Lordship, yet We think the urgent Necessity of raising Money for his Majesty's Service is a sufficient Reason for such a Law at this Time.

We are truly sorry that Your Honours should so far forget that Temper and Moderation, so often recommended to both Houses, as to let private Prejudice and personal Reflections have any Share in your Publick Proceedings; as neither you nor We can judge of Mens Hearts, by any other Rule than their Actions, We cannot in Justice to the Character of Doctor Carrol but say, that from his whole Deportment as a Member of this House, as well as his Behaviour in private Life since his Recantation from the Church of