

U. H. J. Rules as ought to be Observed in the framing of Laws: But when
 Liber No. 34 we Consider that Liberty was given to the Debtors to Pay but three
 June 11 fourths We cannot at the same time help taking Notice, that if any
 Debtor has not now that Liberty He has Deprived himself of it by
 his own Act after the making of the Inspection Law; and We cannot
 doubt but most of them Choose to Comply with the Payment of
 their whole Original Debt to avoid a greater Evil; And although
 some of them may have been ignorantly Drawn in to make new
 Contracts even under such Circumstances as not to be remedied or
 Relieved by any Course of Law, Yet you are very sensible some
 mischiefs must be submitted to, rather than a General Inconveniency
 should insue

We really believe with you that the Law would not have been made
 without the Provision you Mention, but then you must also allow
 that the same Law would have been very much hazarded to a Dissent
 if the Commencement of the Act in that Part had not been pro-
 tracted to next December, before which time the Creditors might
 have taken Proper Measures to secure their Debts as we mentioned
 in Our former Message, and should We now take away any Ad-
 vantage which that Act Designed for the Creditors by any Composi-
 tion or Agreement with their Debtors We are very Apprehensive
 that not only the whole Bill now Designed to be passed into a Law
 would be Dissented to, but the Legislature Looked as not Observing
 a Proper Impartiality between Creditors and Debtors; And this Ap-
 prehension is the Stronger from the Late Application of the Liver-
 pool Merchants against the Inspection Law, who in all Probability
 must have Prevailed, were it not for the time given them to get in
 or secure their Old Debts; and therefore we hope We shall not be
 thought by you to be unreasonable in insisting on the 3^d Amendment
 since in Our Conception such a Clause would be contrary to Reason,
 not Agreeable to the Laws of England and even inconsistent with
 the Power of Legislation under which we act.

We agree that the Part of Our fourth amendment which you Men-
 tion, has Proceeded from a Mistake and therefore we recede from it

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

Adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon

Eodem Die post Meridiem

This House met again according to Adjournment

Present as in the Morning

p. 269 The following Message is sent by Col Hammond

By the Upper house of Assembly 11 June 1748

Gentlemen

In your Journal of Last Session a Report was made by a Com-
 mittee Appointed by your house to Inspect the Deed of Purchase