

L. H. J. Books for the Use of the Assembly Office, and that M<sup>r</sup> John Hall  
Liber No. 52 and M<sup>r</sup> Johnson do prepare & bring in the same.  
Nov. 22

An Ingrossed Bill Ent.<sup>d</sup> an Act empowering Richard Richardson of ffrederck County to Sell and dispose of the Lands which belonged to his deceased Father Richard Richardson and to Apply the Money arising therefrom to the Uses of his Said ffathers will was read and Assented to & Sent to the Upper house with the paper Bill by M.<sup>r</sup> Magruder & M<sup>r</sup> Henry Baker.

An Ingrossed Bill Ent.<sup>d</sup> an Act for imposing an additional duty of two pounds p poll on all Negroes imported into this Province was read and Assented to and Sent to the Upper house with the paper bill thereof by M<sup>r</sup> Thomas & M<sup>r</sup> William Adams

The Bill Ent.<sup>d</sup> An Act for laying out and erecting a Town at Elk-ridge Landing was read the 2<sup>d</sup> time and will pass and was Sent to the Upper house by M<sup>r</sup> Plater and M<sup>r</sup> Johnson

The following Message (Viz<sup>t</sup>)

By the Lower House of Assembly Nov<sup>r</sup> 22, 1763

May it please your Honours

As your Honours have been pleased to Say your Message of the 19.<sup>th</sup> that you are Satisfied that the establishment of a College or Seminary of Learning in this Province, on a good foundation would be productive of many great advantages to the Inhabitants, we are much Surprised that instead of endeavouring to perfect the Bill we sent you up for that purpose by proposing Amendments to Such parts as you thought imperfect and very exceptionable you should detain it so long in your House as to make it in your Own Opinion too late for us to enter into a full Consideration of any you might make without protrating the Session to An unreasonable Length

p. 193 The Bill we think is plain and Simple and as we sent it up to you above three weeks ago, there has been full time enough for the two houses to have Settled And adjusted any difference of Sentiments they could have entertained about it, and thereby have brought it to a happy Issue this Session

But whatever might have been your Honours Motives for postponing the Consideration of a Matter so important to such as are Comparatively very Trivial we are of Opinion altho it may be too late to bring it to perfecton at this time that it may answer a very good purpose to return us the Bill with your Objections now

You wave it at present, you say till the Affair can be maturely Considered

It is our Intention to publish the Bill with any Objections you may be pleased to Offer against it and as we Conceive this will be putting the whole into a proper Channel not only for the mature Consideration of Ourselves but of the Public; and as it will thereby undergo