

Saturday Morning 30th November 1765

This House met according to Adjournment

U. H. J.
Liber No. 36
Nov. 30

Present as Yesterday

The following Message with the Bill entitled an Act for the Benefit of the Poor and Encouragement of Industry was sent by Daniel Dulany Esquire

By the Upper House of Assembly Nov.^r 30.th 1765

Gentlemen

The Bill entitled an Act for the Benefit of the Poor and Encouragement of Industry being amended agreeable to the Proposal made in your Message of Yesterday will meet with the Concurrence of this House.

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Signed p Order Upton Scott Cl: Up: Ho:

The following Message with the Bill entitled an Act for the Relief of certain languishing Prisoners in the several Goals therein mentioned sent by Daniel Dulany Esquire.

By the Upper House of Assembly Nov.^r 30.th 1765.

Gentlemen

The Clause we proposed to be inserted in the Bill "for the Relief of Prisoners" to compel Single Persons of sufficient Ability of Body to make Satisfaction to their Creditors by servitude, is, in our Opinion, too just to be altogether evaded. Whether there are any Prisoners who have offered to make satisfaction to all their Creditors by Servitude, and have had their Overtures rigirously rejected by them, is a Fact of which we have no Evidence, and as Justice requires of the Debtor to make Satisfaction to his Creditor, by all the Reasonable Means in his Power, & among these, we think, his Service ought to be considered, when he is able to perform it, without leaving a dependant Family destitute of the support which he might earn and provide by his Industry, we cannot entirely relinquish the Amendment, if however, any of the single Persons included in the Amendment should have made Offers since their Confinement to satisfy their Creditors by Servitude, we are willing to admit of such a Mitigation of the Clause, as will with more Favour distinguish their Case from that of other Debtors who have not discovered the like honest Inclination to do Justice to their Creditors, with this View we propose, that the following Clause be inserted in the Place of that to which you object. Viz.^t

"And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid that if any of the Persons intended to be relieved by this Act are & shall be of sufficient Ability of Body to Labour such Person or Persons not having Wife or Family shall be & are hereby obliged to serve for a Time not exceeding Five Years to any Person or Persons who are or shall be