

U. H. J. applied this Session for Relief. Our Objection to the relief of Helms
Liber No. 36 arises from an Information that he has been guilty of great Fraud
Dec. 4 in obtaining a Sum of Money of M.^r Nicholas Maccubbin, and we
think that where a Prisoners Character is not Clear he is not intitled
to Our favour.

We have great Reason also to suspect, that John Duncastle has acted with a great Degree of unfairness if not of Fraud, towards One of his Creditors, the Circumstances whereof having been Communicated to this House in the Petition of D.^r David Ross, for these Reasons we think that the other Prisoners whose Conduct hath not been objected to, ought to be distinguished from Helms and Duncastle in Our Consideration

Signed p order Upton Scott Cl: Up: Ho:

Adjourned until 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon

Eodem Die Post Meridiem

This House met again according to Adjournment

Present as in the Morning

Read the second time the Bill Entituled An Act to aid defective Common Recoveries, and will Pass leaving out all that follows after the Word “Notwithstanding” in the 5.th line of the last Page Sent by Benedict Calvert Esq..^r

M.^r Daniel Wolstenholme and fifteen more bring from the Lower House the following Message, together with the Bill Entituled An Act for the Payment of the Public Claims for emitting Bills of Credit and for other purposes therein mentioned

By the Lower House of Assembly 4.th Dec.^r 1766.

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This House Claim, as their inherent undoubted and fundamental Right, the Sole and exclusive Formation of all Mony Bills, and therein to limit the matter, manner, measurer and time of all Grants and Dispositions of Public Money whatsoever. A Right so essential to the Liberties and Propertys of those We represent that we are determined never to give it up, or Wave or Weaken it any Manner

We therefore return to your Honours, the Bill for the Payment of the Public Claims, for emitting Bills of Credit and for other Purposes therein mentioned, whereon to indorse your Assent or Negative, according to the established mode of Parliamentary Proceedings, But hope from the Evident Utility of the Bill, and to relieve the Extreme Distress of the People, your Honours will give your Assent, as we clearly of Opinion it may in its present frame, be well Carried into Execution, and that if any of the small matters pointed out by your Message should be thought Imperfections, they