

L. H. J. House of Assembly Nov.^r 16.th 1771 Read the first and second Time
Liber No. 54 by an especial Order and will pass.
Nov. 16

Signed by Order U Scott Cl. Up. Ho^r

Which was read here and passed for ingrossing

The ingrossed Bill N.^o 26 read and assented to and sent to the Upper House with the Paper Bill thereof by M.^r Wootton and M.^r Beatty.

M.^r Johnson brings in and delivers to M.^r Speaker the following ingrossed Message

By the Lower House of Assembly 16.th November 1771

May it please your Honours

We are much concerned to find that scarce any Money Bill hath lately been sent to your House to which your Honours have not proposed an Amendment. This House do and ever will claim as their inherent undoubted and fundamental Right the sole and exclusive Formation of all Money Bills as well for the Application and Disposition as for the granting and raising of all public Money; nor will we ever give up or wave or weaken that Right in any Manner. We should therefore had there been no other Reason, have rejected the Amendment proposed by Your Honours to the Bill entitled "An Act for the further Emission of Bills of Credit." But even if this House had not that undoubted Right we could not have come into your proposed Amendment it appearing to Us that four Years are a sufficient Time for the whole Legislature to agree in the Scheme of establishing a Seminary of Learning that if any Circumstances should unluckily happen to prevent the Assembly from attending to this Object the Time might and undoubtedly would be lengthened and that if unhappily contrary to our Expectation and earnest Wish an Agreement therein should not within that Time be likely to be effected it is much more prudent that the present Bill should explicitly declare what shall be done with the forty two thousand six hundred and sixty six Dollars and two third Parts of a Dollar than that we should be now laying the Foundation for another Dispute to be added to the Number subsisting which are already too many. We have therefore returned your Honours the Bill in hopes that these Considerations will induce you to pass it.

Signed by Order Jn.^o Duckett Cl. Lo. Ho.

Which was read and assented to and sent to the Upper House with the Bill entitled "An Act for the further Emission of Bills of Credit" by M.^r Johnson and M.^r Hall.

M.^r Tilghman brings in and delivers to M.^r Speaker the following Report

By the Committee of Elections and Privileges Nov.^r 16.th 1771

Your Committee having inspected the Writ directed to the Sheriff of Frederick County for electing one Deputy and Delegate to serve