

County deceased for the Payment of the Debts of the said John Stone Hawkins thus indorsed "By the Upper House of Assembly Nov.^r 22.^d 1771 Read the first and second Time by an especial Order and will pass with the Amendments annexed.

L. H. J.
Liber No. 54
Nov. 22

Signed by Order U Scott Cl. Up. Ho."

After the Word "several" in the 2.^d Line of the fourth Page insert the Word "Claims" and strike out the Word "Claims" in the third Line of the same Page. After the Word "Hawkins" in the last Line of the last Page add as follows Viz.^t "Saving to the said Heirs of John Stone Hawkins the Liberty of shewing Cause, if any the said Heirs have, or can shew to the Chancellor of this Province for the Time being, at any Time within six Months after the said Heirs shall arrive at the Age of twenty One Years why the Lands and Premises abovementioned ought not to have been sold, as herein is directed; and upon such Cause shewn to the Satisfaction of the said Chancellor, then and in such Case this Act shall be void; any Clause, Matter or Thing herein to the contrary notwithstanding." Which was read; and the Amendments proposed by the Upper House were read and agreed to, and the Bill passed for ingrossing. p. 273

M.^r Grahame from the Conference delivers to M.^r Speaker the following Paper

The Lower House framed the Bill entitled "An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs and for the Limitation of Officers ffees," which is the Subject of the present Conference, on a comprehensive View of the Subject and in the most adequate Manner in their unbiased Judgment to answer the valuable Purposes of it, which are to regulate and improve the Staple and to facilitate and encourage Trade for the mutual Advantage of the Planter and Merchant whose Safety, Connection and Convenience have been equally consulted; and to regulate the Clergy's Dues, and Officers and Lawyers ffees; in which the much altered Circumstances of the Provinces, the very great Increase of the Profits of the Offices, many Abuses in the Charges of ffees and the Circumstances and Numbers of the Inhabitants have been attended to, and they flatter themselves that they have been guided by the Rules of immutable Justice and the soundest Policy. A different Mode of Proceeding having in the last Session proved ineffectual to bring about an Agreement on a like Bill, they came into this Conference, proposed by the Upper House, before any particular Objections to the depending Bill were pointed out, in Hopes, that Reason and Argument might conciliate the Sentiments of the two Houses. You proposed several Alterations in the Bill; some of them have been acceded to. The Points which now remain unsettled are these Viz^t

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