

U. H. J.
Liber No. 36
Nov. 25

Law. The Members of your House have heretofore in a very great variety of Instances expressed a different Sentiment in the regular Course of solemn Legislative Acts and should this Act be established by the proper legal Authority the Planters may think it an Hardship to be compelled to Pay Forty instead of Thirty per poll in inspected Tobacco and the Farmers and others not making Tobacco to be under the Disadvantage of making a Composition for the Forty Per Poll instead of being allowed to discharge the Claim at an easy fixed Rate in Money. The proposal respecting the Claim of the Clergy which we made at the late Convention, if you should think proper to agree to it would guard against these inconvenient Consequences of your Opinion, should the proper regular legal Authority determine the Act for the Establishment of Religious Worship in this Province “according to the Church of England and for the Maintenance of Ministers,” to be in full Force and the proposed Alternative give a prospect of great Relief to the Planters. Many, at least Nine Vacancies by the Death and Removal of Ministers have happened since October Session 1771, when this Alternative on their Death or Removal was first proposed and upon the happening of such Events hereafter the Makers of Tobacco may regret their not being allowed to pay in Tobacco or Money at the easy Rate of four Shillings.

As a Law (the claim of the Clergy to Merchantable Tobacco being considered) calculated merely for the Regulation of this Staple and to ascertain its merchantable Quality may Prove to be inconvenient, so we have Proposed a Duration for three years only.

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

Adjourned until Three of the Clock in the Afternoon

Eodem Die Post Meridiem

The House met again according to Adjournment

Present as in the Morning

Adjourned until to Morrow Morning ten of the Clock

Nov. 26

Friday Morning 26.th of November 1773.

The House met again according to Adjournment

Present as Yesterday

Read and rejected the Petition of Hilleary Wilson

Read the Petition of Leigh Master and referred the same for further Consideration until the next Session of Assembly.

p. 702 Read and referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of