

*Votes and
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House,*
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After the Word “thereof,” in the Fourth Line from the Top in the Tenth Page, insert these Words, “A Probate of the same by the Witnesses thereto being lodged with such Bond.”

After the Word “Province,” in the Eighth Line from the Bottom of the 19th Page, leave out the Words “or by Persons actually exercising the Office of Vestrymen and Churchwardens.”

In the Third Line from the Top of the 55th Page, leave out the Words “in every Court of Record within this Province,” and also the Words “in any Court of Record,” in Page 68.

After the Words (in Page 114) “if the same exceed Six Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, shall and may be recovered,” leave out the Words “in any Court of Record.”

Leave out the “Proviso,” beginning in the Fifth Line from the Bottom of Page 89, and ending in the Second Line from the Top of Page 90.

Leave out the last Clause next preceding the Clause of Continuance, and in the last Clause insert “Three” instead of “Fourteen.”

And the following Message.

By the UPPER HOUSE of ASSEMBLY, *November 25, 1773.*

GENTLEMEN,

SHOULD you think proper to agree to our Proposal on remitting the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Regulation of the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs*, at the late Convention in Respect to the Clergy, we shall be willing to give our Assent to the Bill now returned, on such Amendments being made as may answer the Purposes of that Proposal: If you should not think proper to agree to such Amendments, but choose that a Law may be enacted merely to regulate our Staple of Tobacco, entirely distinct from, and independent of, every other Object, we will assent to the Bill which this Message accompanies, upon your agreeing to the Amendments now proposed. Your published Resolve, that “The Act for the Establishment of Religious Worship in this Province according to the Church of *England*, and for the Maintenance of Ministers,” is not in Force, cannot regularly affect the Question, whether it is or not, a valid, existing 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 40 instead of 30 per Poll in inspected Tobacco, and the Farmers, and others not making Tobacco, to be under the Disadvantage of making a Composition for the 40 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