

And also therein to Manumit Courtneys Malotta Girl for the Barbarous usage & Cruelty, she hath suffered from her said Master and Mistres. —

By his Excellency the Governor and Council in Assembly  
May the 24th 1692.

This Board think fit to put the house in Mind of preparing a Bill for the Relief of Negroes and Slaves from the barbarous and inhumane usage of unreasonable Masters & too frequently practiced in this Province Recommended to them by his Excellency yesterday at the Conference and particularly think it but just and reasonable that the Malotta Girl of Thomas Courtneys, born of an English Woman, and a Christian, having both her ears crosst close to her head by the hands of her Tyrannical Master and Mistres be forthwith Manumitted and Set free, the least Recompence can be bestowed upon her for so barbarous a Cruelty, and that a Clause for that purpose be inserted in the said Bill. —

Signed by Order John Lewellin Esq.

Sent to the house by Coll Brown together with these five foregoing Bills last read and the Message of this Board relating particularly to the Act for Appointment of certain Officers

Mr. Boothby and Captain Hoskins from the house present these following —

- Bills Viz<sup>t</sup> —
- An Act against those Servants that have Bastards — Endorsed Viz<sup>t</sup> Read 2<sup>d</sup> time with the Alteration as desired
- An Act concerning what shall be allowed Grand Jurys & read 2<sup>d</sup> time with the Amend<sup>t</sup> desired
- An Act prohibiting Masters of Ships from Transporting Persons without passes read 2<sup>d</sup> time
- An Act empowering Commissioners to lay the County Levy & read 2<sup>d</sup> time
- An Act for the Encouraging the Importing of Negroes read 2<sup>d</sup> time
- An Act providing what shall be good Evidence to prove foreign Debts, read 2<sup>d</sup> time
- An Act for Publication of all the Laws & read 2<sup>d</sup> time
- An Act for Naturalizing John Oudson & read 2<sup>d</sup> time
- An Act for killing of Wolves; read 2<sup>d</sup> time
- An Act for Encouragement Building Water Mills read 2<sup>d</sup> time
- An Act for Stay of Executions after April Court read 2<sup>d</sup> time

All the said Bills Ordered to be read distinctly to the Board and were accordingly read the second time. —

Mr. Clark from the house requests their honours to remitt what Bills lay before them to the house —

Accordingly they were sent by Captain Courts  
And Adjourn till to Morrow Morning to a Clock  
May 25th 1692 Met in Council Chamber Viz<sup>t</sup>

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|                |   | Coll Robotham   |   | Captain Addison |
|                |   | Coll Greenberry |   | Captain Courts  |
|                |   | Coll Hutchins   |   |                 |