

By the House of Delegates July 20<sup>th</sup> 1699.

The Message this day sent by the Honble Charles Hutchins and Robert Smith Esq<sup>r</sup> has been read and this House humbly prays that for what Mistakes have been made in the application of such Fines and Forfeitures as have been applied otherwise then his Majesty's Royall Commissions or Instructions direct that your Esq<sup>r</sup> will put a favourable Construction upon them for that they were misapplied through Misunderstanding of them and not otherwise and for the future shall be prevented and we are to be far from taking your Esq<sup>r</sup> admonition a mischief we returne you our hearty thanks for the same.

Signed for order

Chr: Gregory Clk. House of Del.

Ordered that Doctor Jacob Lovelace and Major Walter Smith carry the said Messages to his Esq<sup>r</sup> and Council who returne and say they have delivered the same.

A Bill for Tunage and ascertaining Navall Offices fees read 1<sup>st</sup> time.

A Bill preventing vexatious and unnecessary suits at Law read 1<sup>st</sup> time.

The house adjournes till two of clock.

God die the house mett againe and were called over.

A Bill for taking Special Bayle in 4<sup>th</sup> severall Counties read 1<sup>st</sup> time.

A Bill for preventing vexatious and unnecessary suits at Law read 2<sup>d</sup> time.

A Bill for tunage and ascertaining Navall Offices fees read 2<sup>d</sup> time.

A Bill for Sheriffs read the second time.

Ordered that Major Tho: Ennalls, Mr: John Hall, Mr: Jacob Moreland, Mr: Ben: Hall, Mr: George Ashman, Mr: Elisha Hall, carry the said Bills to his Esq<sup>r</sup> and Council.

Who returne and say they have delivered the same.

The Honble Thomas Tench Esq<sup>r</sup> and Maj: John Hammond enter the house and returne the Bills sent by Mr: Ennalls and others.

A Bill for punishment of Privateers and pirates, read twice.

A Bill for Enrolment of Conveyances read twice.

A Bill for Constables taking the List of Taxables read twice.

Ordered that Mr: Walter Smith Mr: Wm: Whittington, Mr: James Philips and Mr: Tho: Hicks, carry the said Bills to his Esq<sup>r</sup> and Council who returne and say they have delivered the same.

A Bill for Encouragement of those that will undertake to build water Mills read twice.

A Bill for securing Parochiall Libraries read twice.

A Bill for Recording the Laws and Journals of Assembly read twice.

A Bill for securing Merchants and others Tobaccos after Trade read twice.

Ordered that Mr: Wm: Harris Mr: George Ashman, Mr: Walter Cambell and Mr: Lowe carry the said bills to his Esq<sup>r</sup> and Council.

Who returne and say they have delivered the same.