

A Bill for ordering and regulating the Militia thus indorsed Viz: By the Council in Assembly May the 29th 1715 Read the first and second Time by especial Order and will pass with the following Amendments Viz: "That there be a reasonable Time imposed on such Persons who shall refuse to accept Commissions from the Governor of this Province or Commanda in Chief for the Time being, and that any Commission Officer that shall refuse or neglect to appear at any Muster or Training unless his lawful Excuse be admitted by the Field Officers shall be fined five hundred Pounds Tobacco and that an Account of all Times imposed by this Law be Yearly transmitted to the Governor and Council for their Inspection on Penalty of five hundred Pounds Tobacco on the Major of the County and that all the Times in this Law be applied to the Use of the Militia of the County

Signed by Order W. Mader of Council

The said Bill is referred to be considered of till the Afternoon

Also a Bill relating to Servants and Slaves thus indorsed Viz:

By the Council in Assembly May the 23rd 1715 Read the first Time and recommended that a Clause be added limiting how many Stripes it shall be lawful for a Master to give his white Servant for any one Offence without applying to a Justice of the Peace and proposed that the Stripes exceed not ten in Number but when any Master or Mistress shall think their white Servants deserve greater Correction they shall in such Cases be obliged to apply to a Justice of the Peace who shall be empowered to order such Correction at no Time exceeding thirty nine Lashes.

The Petitions of Major Hawkins and Mr. John Salter are herewith recommended to the Consideration of the House that a Clause be added to the Law for preventing any Negroes or Molattoes being set free by their Masters or Owners either in their Lifetimes or at their Death which has been found very prejudicial to all Neighbourhoods where such Negroes so inhabit and that a Fine of twelve Pounds be imposed on such Persons who shall manumit their Slaves in their Lifetimes and that the Executors or Administrators of all such Persons who by their Wills or otherwise at the Time of their Death set any of their Slaves free shall pay the like Sum to the Use of the Free Schools and that such Negroes or Slaves so manumitted shall immediately become Slaves to the Use of the Free Schools of this Province

Signed by Order W. Mader of Council