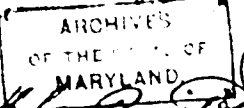


This Bill being read at the Board and the Act for relieving the Inhabitants of this Province from some Aggravances in the prosecution of Suits at Law there seems to be a great inconvenience in the Law as it now stands for that if the Creditor has his Debt obligation for 20<sup>l</sup> & all is paid but a Shilling under 20<sup>l</sup> now by the words of this Law the Plea if he sues in the Provincial Court will be nonsuit (the real Debt being under 20<sup>l</sup> Money) & if he sues in the County Courts which have not Jurisdiction above 100 or thirty thousand <sup>per</sup> of Tobacco that Court will not take Cognizance thereof so that the Debtor is wholly without remedy wherefore the Question was put whether this Bill should pass or that the Act should be Revised with a proper Clause added to supply the aforesaid Defect in Justice. And it was unanimously advised that the Act be revised and a proper Clause added to supply the aforesaid Defect in Justice. Wherefore we do Recommend the Revising the said Law & that a proper Clause be added for supplying the Defect aforesaid and that that part of the preamble of the said Riding Armed may be omitted



Which being read it is Ordered that the said Bill be Revised & amended accordingly & that the Jurisdiction in that Case be Lodged in the County Courts, Ed. Edward Loyd Esq. Ed. Pennalls Esq. Coursey Esq. Young Philimon Loyd Esq. Ed. Addison Esq. Whittington & John Dorsey Esq. Entered the House and delivered Mr. Speaker the following

By His Excellency the Gov. & Council in Assembly June 26<sup>th</sup> 1714  
The Bill now laid before you for your Consideration is an Act passed in Virginia for the Improvement of the Tobacco Trade there being several usefull paragraphs in the said Bill which may have relation to the Improving the Tobacco of this Province & preventing the frauds of Designing Men who have not the General good of this Province at heart. It is thought fit by the Gov. & Council to recommend it to your pursuit

The House Adjourns til Monday Morning 8 a Clock  
Monday 28 June 1714

Then the House met again according to Adjournment present as on Saturday Except Mr. John Kendall who being Sick is Excused for this Day.  
A Bill for Relieving the Inhabitants of this Province from some Aggravances in the prosecution of Suits at Law Read the first & 2<sup>d</sup> time & is Comitted for Amendment to the Com. of Laws & that they insert a Clause to give the County Courts Jurisdiction to hold Cognizance of any Action on any Bill Bond or other Specialty wherein there is not Due to Balance above 100 ster or thirty thousand pounds of Tobacco provided that nothing therein shall exclude the Provincial Court to hold Plea where the Balance amounts to 20 or 5000<sup>l</sup> of Tobacco. A Motion being made the question put whether the Clause in the said Bill for allowing Attorneys in the County Courts 200<sup>l</sup> of Tobacco fee in Actions where the Demand exceeds 10 ster or 2000<sup>l</sup> of Tobacco shall be left out of the same.

It is Resolved in the Affirmative by Majority of Votes.  
Ordered that the Com. of Laws leave out of the Bill the said Clause  
in the County of Prince Georges the Parish of King & Queens Parish to Mr. & Marys Parish in Charles County or for adding to the said King & Queens Parish what will make amends out of Mr. & Marys Allfaiths in said County of Saint Marys being read & fully Debated  
Is Referred to the Consideration of the next Sessions of Assembly  
Ordered that John Rowby Esq. Retain in his hands to make him full Satisfaction for the goods he sent for to Great Britain in 1712 for the publick & for his troubles & Charges he was at about the same the sum of 50 out of the publick Stock this present year

The House Adjourns to one a Clock in the Afternoon  
Then the House Being Called over met again present as in the Morning

Mr. John Hindall appeared  
An Aggravance about Negroes & Slaves Referred to this Session is further Referred to the Consideration of Next Assembly Venime Contradictorie  
A Bill permitting the Inhabitants of this Province to sue out Writts when they appear and give Judgm. w. Pleas in the several Courts thereof in their own proper Names  
Read & Referred to the Consideration of the Next Assembly. Mr. Sam. Worthington from the Com. of Laws brings in a Bill for Relieving the Inhabitants of this Province from some Aggravances in prosecution of Suits at Law.  
Read the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>d</sup> time by Especial Order and  
Ordered to be thus Indorsed  
Governor