The Bill for Limitacon of Accons &c.a Thus Endorst viz.t

By the lower house of Assembly May the 5.th 1718

Read and will pass with the following Amendments viz.t That thirteen Months Time be allowed in the inferior Courts and Twenty five Months in the superior Courts except in Cases where Evidences are wanting from beyond Seas and this at the Discretion of the Judges before whom such Causes shall be Depending and if the Default be in the prosecuter there to be a Discontinuance but if in the Defence Judgment for the plantiff - Signd & Ord.r Jn.o Beard Cl: up ho.r Which being read with the Endorsments was remitted to the Comittee of Laws for Amendment —— And the peticon of Esther Smith and Esther Oldfield thus Endorst viz.t

By the upper house of Assembly May the [illegible] 1718 —

Upon reading the with in petition this House is of Opinion that the petitioners are Objects of Charity and that by the Corrupt and Malitious Evidence of the prosecutors they have suffered unjustly wherefore we refer their deplorable and unhappy Surcumstances being Charged with great fees (all of which are remitted except the sherriffs) unto the Consideracon of the lower house of Assembly and further propose that after Such Abatements are made on the Sherriffs fees as may be thought reasonable the said persons may be set at large from their unhappy Confinements at the publick Charge — " —— Signed & Ord.r ——

John Beard Clk upper ho.r — " —

which was read and Ordered the Comittee of Laws & pare a bill for their relief —

Col.o Holland from the upper house Delivers M.r Speaker the following Message viz.t —

By the upper house of Assembly May the 5.th 1718 —

Gent — for as much as his Excy has laid before this house as an aggrievance that for three years past their has but very few patients come forth of M.r Carrolls Office to the prejudice of those who have paid for Drawing the Same

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