

Whether the Blunters shall have their Tobacco within a Mile of the Water did not  
Carried in the Negative. The Question whether a fine shall be limited for getting tobacco  
ready or not Carried in the affirmative by the Majority of votes. Then the Question was  
put by what time it shall be got ready, whether the last day of May or the last day of  
June Carried by the Majority of votes that it be the last day of May.  
The house Adjourned till One o'clock in the afternoon.

Post Meridiam. The house meet according to adjournment - the house adj. till to morrow morning  
Eight o'clock. Wednesday July 26<sup>th</sup> 1721 The house meet according to adjournment  
yesterdays proceedings read. On a Motion made Question was put whether a Supplemental  
Bill to the Act Laying an Imposition on Liquors & Negroes shall be brought in  
to exempt Persons from Laying Duty on Negroes that shall be imported with them for the  
use of their own families, Carried in the affirmative of the Majority of votes.

Then the Question was put whether they shall be kept two years or one before they  
shall be disposed of, Carried by the Majority of votes that it be two years - Ord. that the  
Committee of Laws prepare the Bill - Supplemental Bill to the Act for stay of Execution  
after the tenth day of May yearly was read the first and second time by Especial Order  
and will pass *Homino Contradictio* which was so Endorsed and sent to the Upper house  
by Mr Taylor and Mr Caldwell, they return and say they Deliveredit.

Resolved that the Doorkeeper to the Grand Court be allowed to this time but not for the future  
James Bowles Esq. from the Upper house Delivered Mr Speaker the following Message by  
By the Upper house of assembly July the 26<sup>th</sup> 1721

Gentlemen Having read your Answer to our Message by Mr. Feltham relating to the  
Law for the Continuance of Actions we are apprehensive that your Opinion that the time  
for Continuance is to extend to the End of the fourth Court after the appearance Court will  
not have suff. weight to Influence or save the Presences of those Justices in the Courts of Law  
who have hitherto been of a contrary Opinion nor do we find that you do at all consider the  
Circumstances of those that must suffer without their help by the Extraordinary Criminal  
Business of the last Brood Court or at least that you have not provided any provision  
for them for that some Cases will begin in August to which time being a special  
Adjournment no Jury could be summoned even the time of Limitation should be adjudged  
according to your Opinion - We cannot omit to remark that the Consequence of  
that Law is burthensome to the poor Suters in obliging them to renew their Suits at  
Double Charges for the recovery of their just Debts and oppressive to the Defendants  
in causing them to be condemned off by the default of their attorney in unjust  
Demands and thereby obliging them to tedious Suits in Chancery and in the High Court  
of Appeals and at last perhaps scarcely able to extricate themselves from the  
Inconveniences of that Law and by this means the attorneys who perhaps are the  
Only Persons faulty (except where the Act of Providence interposes) are the Only  
Gainers by having their Causes ended without the trouble of pleading them their  
fees sooner paid and their business much increased, we therefore propose that you  
would rather remedy the Evil of Delaying Suits by imposing a smart fine on the  
attorney that shall be the cause of the Delay than (perhaps for his Negligence) to destroy  
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