

Concerned to find your Honours Declare it Contrary to an Instruction they gave
a Law relating to the Encouragement of Hemp and Flax without giving Twelve Months
time or it take place which however we hope will be no bar to the passing such
a Law in England in regard it will be at Least Twelve Months or those Commodities
can be brought to any reasonable perfection so as to affect Trade, and we are rather
Induced to believe the Tobacco Law here will presented to your Honors Consideration
will most readily meet your Approbation since we have Deviated as little as may be
from the Scheme your Honors were pleas'd to say before us

Signed of Order M^r Jenifer Esq^r House
and sent to the Upper House of Assembly by the Gentlemen of the Comtee of Laws
and Six Others, They return and say they Delibered it

Col^l. Addison from the Upper house Delivered Mr Speaker a Supplementary Bill
to the Act for publication of Marriages thus Endorsed viz^t

By the Upper house of Assembly August the 2: 1721 Read and will pass
Which was read and Ordered to Lye on the Table

The house Adjourns till to Morrow Morning ^{Eight} O'Clock
Thursday August 3: 1721 Yesterday's proceedings are read. Supplementary Bill to the Act
for publication of Marriages was read and the Question was put whether the bill shall
be amended or Rejected, Carried by the Majority of Votes it be amended

afterwards the Question was put whether the vote shall be resumed or not - Carried
in the Affirmative by the Majority of Votes. Then the Question was put whether the
bill shall be rejected or not Carried in the Affirmative by the Majority of Votes -
Thereupon the Name was Rejected - Col^l. Addison and Six Others from the Upper
House Delivered Mr. Speaker the bill to prevent making Trashy Tobacco of this Endorsed viz^t

By the Upper house of Assembly August the 3: 1721
Gentlemen This bill being read will pass with the following amendment viz^t with
a proviso that, that part of the Law relating to Hemp and Flax be not to affect the
Inhabitants of Great Britain until the End of Twelve Months at Least from the
passing this bill but that such Limitation of time have no regard to Inhabitants
or Officers of this province but that they be Obliged to take it here as if no such
Limitation were made. Signed of Order John Beale Esq^r House

The Supplementary bill to the Act for publication of Marriages was thus Endorsed viz^t

By the Lower house of Assembly August the third 1721
May it Please your Honors Having Duly Considered and fully Debated the reasons in the
within bill we cannot Consent to the passing thereof in regard we conceive the Law now
in force sufficiently provides ag^t the evils Complain'd of there being but One
Instance to the contrary fresh in Our Memory - and we are humbly of Opinion
the business of the Legislature is rather Intended to punish Crimes frequently Comitted
than to make Laws upon one such Transgression which may not againe happen in
many Ages here and we are fearful Difficulties Laid down in the within bill are
Left most Insurmountable than the evils it Designed to prevent. Signed of Order M^r Jenifer Esq^r House
and sent to the Upper house by Mr. Contee and M^r. Beale, they return and say they
Delibered - Col^l. Ward from the Upper house Delivered Mr. Speaker the following
Message viz^t By the Upper house of Assembly August the 3: 1721

Gentlemen We Recommended to you when the next House is shingled that there be a strict
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