

Satisfy the Demands of Thatcher and Massey that remain undid by Vertue of thair first private Act and also to Enquire into the Conduct of the Officers concerned in the carrying on and Obtaining the said first mentioned bill and in Order thereto we have resolved that orders from this house doe passe for such Officers as the parties shall require and that Thatcher continue in possession till the next Session according to the former Order and that the severall Depositions and Evidence offered concerning the same be entered and journalled in the proceedings of this house at the End of the Journal

signed by Order John Beale (Upper house)
Bill for Encouragement of Tillage and Cultiv^{ation} of poor Estates was read the first & second times by Especiall Order and with pass which was so Endorsed and sent to the Upper house by Mr. Dashiell & Mr. Clayton - they return and say they Delivered it

Another Engrosed Bill for renewing and Continuing an Act for regulating Ordinaries was read and assented to and was so Endorsed and sent to the Upper house by Mr. Dashiell and Mr. Wainwright - they return and say they Delivered it

The house adjourns till to Morrow Morning Eight a Clock
Friday August the 17th 1721 The house met according to Adjourned yesterday proceedings are read

The Journal of the Comites of Accounts was read and ordered to be thus Endorsed by Order Mr. Denifer & L^o House

August the 18th 1721 Read and assented to by the Lower house of Assembly and signed and sent to the Upper house by the Comite of the Comites - they return and say they Delivered it

An Engrosed bill for preventing the making of usury and for bettering the Trade of this province was read and assented to and sent to the Upper house by Comite of the Comites of Law - they return and say they Delivered it - An Engrosed bill for relief of John Conaway a languishing prisoner read and assented to and was so Endorsed

And an Engrosed bill for relieving and freeing the Inhabitants of this province from paying Duty for Negroes was read and assented to and was so Endorsed - and sent to the Upper house of Assembly by Mr. James Smith and Mr. Clayton - they return and say they Delivered them - James Bowles Esq^r from the Upper house Delivered the Speaker

the pet^{ition} of severall poor prisoners thus Endorsed by
By the Upper house of Assembly August the 18th 1721

Gentlemen. The within Pet^{ition} being read and Endorsed of its referre to your house that such persons who had rather Deliver up all that they have in the world and be free for the remainder of their Debts than lying in goal, that there be a general Law empowering the Justices of the County Courts upon such Application to them made to sell such Officers so applying and Delivering up all that they have for what Term they shall agree upon not exceeding two years -
signed by Order John Beale (Upper house)

Thereupon the Question was put whether a bill shall be brought in or not carried in the Negative by the Majority of Votes - The following Message was ordered to be prepared by
By the Lower house of Assembly August the 18th 1721

May it please your Hon^{ors} We have received your Hon^{ors} Message to us w^{ith} Copy of the severall Instructions to Com^{missioner} Burnett Esq^r Governour of New York, first sent
(from)