

Post meridiem the house meets according to adjournment - Coll. Fulghman is two more
from the Upper house delivers Mr. Speaker the Explanatory bill to the Act to prevent
making trashy Tob. &c. this Enactment viz: By the Upper house of assembly Feb: 4: 24: 1721
Gentlemen upon reading and considering the 10th in bill to find that it not only explains
the Deficient Expressions in the former Law but also repeals those paragraphs which
lays the freighters and receivers under the obligation of an Oath not to ship or receive
any Tobacco not qualified according to the Directions of that Law and therefore for as much
as we cannot think the penalties imposed suff: to deter all such freighters
and receivers from shipping or receiving bad Tobacco, and for that we are willing to quiet the
tender Consciences of those who refused to take the Oath before Enjoyn'd we have here with sent
Oaths under other Direction such as we hope will not be refused and w. 10th being added
to this bill it will pass this Addition to the Title / and for supplying some other Defects
here in - Signed of Order - Jan: 26: 1721

On reading whereof the Question was put whether the first Paragraph as to the receivers
Oaths shall be read and added or not - Carried in the Negative by the Majority of votes -
and also no Oath on freighters to be added - the Question was put whether a Conference
shall be desired or not - Carried in the Negative by the Majority of votes - thereupon the
following Message is prepared viz: By the Lower house of assembly Feb: 24: 1721 -
May it please your Hon: We have read and considered the Explanatory bill to the Act to
prevent the making trashy Tob. &c. the Amendment and additions proposed by your
house but cannot agree the should pass with those amendm^{ts} for that the imposing the
Oaths therein prescribed will be a great Introduction of perjury and as many inconveniences
will attend the Explanatory bill thereby as the Act formerly past wherefore we desire
the bill may now pass as it stands Signed of Order Mr. Speaker Feb: 26: 1721
which was sent to the same bill to the Upper house by Coll. Mackall & five others
they return and say they delivered them - Bill for the relief of sundry poor languishing
Prisoners was read the first and second times by special Order and past w. was so Enacted
and sent to the Upper house by Coll. Woodford & Mr. Greenfield - they're passing they delivered them
the house adjourns till Monday Morning nine of the Clock - Monday Morning Feb: 4: 26: 1721
the house meets according to adjournment - Saturdays proceedings are read -

Coll. Ward and three others from the Upper house delivers Mr. Speaker the Explanatory
bill to the Act to prevent making trashy Tob. &c. the following Message viz:
By the Upper house of assembly - February the 26: 1721 Sent on reading your Message
in answer to ours relating to the additions proposed by us to be made to the Explanatory
bill to the Act to prevent the making trashy Tob. &c. We cannot conceive that those
Amendments will be any Introduction to perjury unless it be voluntary; for that the
Oaths therein prescribed will be much easier Complied with than those in the former
Law; and for as much as the passing the Explanatory bill as you propose it will render
the former bill Ineffectual, 10th Law by sundry good Advices has already had that good Effect
in Europe that it ought to induce us to use our best Endeavours to procure it no Country in the
World (if we are not wanting to our selves) does make so good Tob. for a foreign Market as we;
and we can assure you upon the report of our Tob. Law in England, the market did rise
thirty Shill. of the old and that very Law prevented the parliament from repealing the
Act in our favour and further by sundry Advices we may expect New Ships to be sent
to purchase Tob. in expectation of the Continuance of our Law, w. otherwise would not
(have)