

have contented. And therefore we insist upon reading those amendments proposed without it. We do not think it reasonable that bills should pass signed for order Sam: Shippon Esq: In answer whereunto the following message was prepared viz: By the lower house of assembly. February the 26th 1721. May it please your Hon: we have considered the reasons in your message by Coll: Ward Sam: Bowles & John Bromby Esq: and humbly conceived they are not of suff: weight to induce us to come in to your Hon: amendments and therefore insist on the bill sent up by this house

signed for order M: Denifer Esq: Howard which was sent to the upper house by Coll: John Ward and five others viz: the bill w^{ch} they return and say they delivered them - An Engract bill for the relief of Mr: Thatcher and Peter Mafey read and reported to by this house, w^{ch} being so endorsed and was sent to the upper house by Coll: Ward and Cap: Codd. they return & say they delivered it. The house adjourns till two of the clock in the afternoon

Postmeridien the house meet according to adjournment - Coll: Young & Coll: Seymour from the upper house deliver Mr: Speaker the Explanatory bill to the act for preventing the making trawkey Tob: and the following message viz: - By the upper house of assembly Feb: 26th 1721 Gentlemen, since you seem so desirous to comply wth the amendments proposed by our house in relation to the Tob: Law, we think fit to propose to you the passing the bill prepared by your house so far as it is explanatory of that Law, only excluding the repealing Paragraph, for tho' we are willing to explain & amend we can by no means consent to repeal that part of it unless some other provision be made instead thereof but since we cannot agree upon any such expedient we think it will be much more acceptable to the good people of this province if we only explain the intention of the former Law than if we should return again wth out doing any thing to satisfy the scrupulous consciences of those who think they cannot safely take the Oaths therein prescribed

signed for order Sam: Shippon Esq: house Thereupon the question was put whether the former votes shall be resumed or not carried in the negative by the Majority of votes - and ordered the following message be prepared viz: By the Lower house of assembly Feb: the 26th 1721 May it please your Hon: We cannot help being averse to the amendments proposed by your house in the Explanatory bill here w^{ch} sent since we are certain that the supposing any Oth: at all will create great heart-burnings among the people for w^{ch} reasons as well as those mentioned in our former message on this occasion we must insist on the bill as prepared in our house signed for order M: Denifer Esq: House which was sent to the upper house w^{ch} the bill w^{ch} by Coll: Woodford & three others they return and say they delivered them - Mr: Dashiell added to the Committee of Election and privileges - Mr: Walls and Cap: Rider appear in the house -

Resolved by this house that the Govt appointed to reduce the agreement into writing w^{ch} Mr: Caldwell, and to take his bond on the repairing the State house have power to draw orders on the treasurer of the Western Shore for so much money as the said Caldwell shall have occasion of towards the carrying on the work & the discharge thereof and on the finishing the said work to give orders for the balance that shall be then remaining due to the said Caldwell on the said Treasurer. and that a message