

to them made to go and view such Tobacco and that Every ffon who shall Discover any  
Such Trashy Tobacco may Seize and Mark it and shall Exhibit his Information to  
the Justices within three days after Seizing the same and that if the Owner of such Tob:  
shall convey away or otherwise conceal such Tob: before the Justices come to view  
it he shall be adjudged Guilty and forfeit the penalty of the Law that the Tob:  
so Seized if Condemned by the Justices (who are hereby Directed to view the same) shall  
be applied to the use of the Informer and the parties offering to pay or paying away  
such Tobacco shall pay his Debt (attemped to be Discharged after that Manner)  
Over againe - Signed of Order - Sam<sup>l</sup> Skypion (the say house -

which was read and referred for further consideration till to Morrow Morning -  
The house adjourns till to Morrow Morning nine of the clock  
Tuesday February the 27<sup>th</sup> The house met according to adjournment - Easter Day  
was read - On reading the last Message of yesterday on the Tobacco Law -

Resolved that the penalties be recovered before one Justice Only - and that on  
Conviction the Tob: Seized shall be Destroyed in the presence of the Justice and the  
partie Informing shall have the benefit in the former Law Mentioned

The Question was put whether all ffons that have power to Convict Spanish  
persons of profane cursing and Swearing &c: shall have power to Convict ffons  
by the new Act or the Justice Only or <sup>some</sup> such other fit person whom he shall  
think fit to appoint - Carried by the Majority of votes that it be only the Justice  
or whom he shall appoint - And resolved that the Justice have power to search  
all Out houses &c: for trashy Tobacco & on finding any to Convict them under the  
like penalties &c: - The Question was put whether a Clause shall be added in favour  
of Somersett and Dorchester County to give them a longer time for planting or not -  
Carried in the negative by the Majority of votes - And that a penalty be imposed  
on those who shall give receive buy or sell any Trashy Tob: contrary to the intent of the  
Law and Ordered the foll: Message be prepared viz: by J: Ludlow house of Assembly Feb: 4: 27: 1721

May it please your Hon: We have Debated your Hon: Message of yesterday by Eng:  
Hall and two others of your house and are come to the foll: Resolutions thereon -

1. that the penalties proposed be recovered before any single Justice of the peace in case  
two may differ in Opinion and they may Live so remote and may be difficult to prosecute
2. that on Conviction the Tobacco Seized shall be Destroyed in the presence of the Justice by  
whome such Conviction shall happen and the partie Informing to have the benefit  
in the former Law Mentioned
3. that every ffon in this province consume his Trashy or Bad Tobacco as he Strips his  
Crop yearly under the penalty of One thousand pounds of good Tobacco for every such  
offence to be Convicted by the Oath of the partie Informing (in case such trashy  
or Bad Tobacco be removed) before any single Justice and if such trashy or Bad  
Tobacco be not removed then such Justice to be required on Complaint made to go  
with the Informer or Impower <sup>some</sup> Just: ffon Skilled in Tob: to go w: the  
Informer and view the same and on the Examination to make his report to the  
Justice in order to request or Convict the person so accused
4. that every Justice or such ffon appointed for the better Execution of this Law  
have full power to search all Tobacco houses or other suspected houses or places  
(upon)