

Present as in the Morning and then Mr. John Hendall appeared
in an Aggravance about Negroes and Slaves Referred to this Session
is further Referred to the Consideration of next Assembly / Memorie
Contradicente

A Bill permitting the Inhabitants of this Province to sue out Writts
where they appear and give Judgments with Costs in the several
Courts thereof in their own proper persons - Read and Referred
to the Consideration of the next Assembly -

Mr. Samuel Worthington from the Committee of Laws brings in a
Bill for Relieving the Inhabitants of this Province from some
Aggravances in Prosecution of Suits at Law

Read the first and second time by Especial Order - and
Ordered to be third and last time

By the House of Delegates (Monday) 28th June 1714

Read the first and second time by Especial Order and
will pass - Signed for the Massachussetts by Mr. Gov. Sedgwick

Sent unto the Honble Council by Mr. Garrett, Capt. Manners,
Capt. Scott, Mr. Stoddard, Capt. Small and Mayr. Woolford

They return and say they Delivered the Bill
to Mr. Holland and Mr. Samuel Young from the Honble
Council unto the house and deliver Mr. Speaker the following
Message

By the Gov. and Council in Assembly June 28th 1714

Wee think fit to recommend to you - that (Whereas sundry
Statutes of that pte of her Majesty's Kingdom of Great Brittain
called England have been found very useful and beneficial
within this her Majesty's Province of Massachusetts both in Causes
Civil and Criminal and for that it hath been often observed
that many of the aforesaid good and beneficial Statutes of
England not being local but seeming generall have sometimes
been asserted as Law and at other times denied as such as well
by the Lawyers in this Province as the several Courts wherein
they have been pleaded and offered which renders the Law
in this Province very Dubious and uncertain whether, It is
not absolutely necessary the several Courts should be well informed
how to give their Judgments upon the said Statutes, and therefore
if it is not advisable your house should join with this board
to state this matter and to direct our Agent to procure the opinion
of some of her Majesty's Council at Law and two other Eminent
Lawyers whether the said Statutes of England are in force within
this Province or not to the end her Majesty's Subjects here may
know by what rule they walk and the several Courts at Law