

Order In Board Ch. W. House

W. Hall from the Upper House (Deliver Mr. Speaker, the bill for securing the peace of this Province against the villainies of Imported Convicts with the following Message (viz)

ARCHIVES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

By the Upper House of Assembly June the 17th 1719.

Gent. We cannot agree with you in opinion that the bill now proposed for securing the peace of this Province against Imported & Convicts do not relate to trade because tho' it does not directly prohibit the importation of them, yet it effectually discourages any person from buying them which must needs be a great Detriment to any Merchant who shall undertake the transportation of such Convicts.

Therefore we have great reason to believe His Excellency the Governor will not pass a Law contrary to his instructions, besides we think it would be a great Injustice to any Merchants that is or may happen to be concerned in transporting such Convicts to make a Law to deprive them of the opportunity of disposing of them here, without giving them a sufficient time to apprise them of it.

So that altho' we are very apprehensive of the Mischiefs that may ensue upon the importation of such persons amongst us - yet we cannot consent to the passing this bill under a less Limitation than twelve Months, which we hope will obviate all difficulties in the passing of it. Signed for the Lower House, John Beard Ch. W. Ho.

Whereupon the same was read for Engrossing - and sent to the Committee of Laws to be engrossed.

And acquaints Mr. Speaker that the bill against buying and selling of Offices and the Supplement relating to servants and slaves and to the Engross Bill for the relief of several poor prisoners - are read and reported to by the Upper House.

On a Motion Made, Resolved that the Members and officers of this House be allowed at the rate of twelve Shillings and six pence per cent for their three days attendance more than allowed them in the Journall of the Committee of accounts, - and ordered that the following Message be prepared, viz

By the Lower House of Assembly June the 5th 1719.

May it please Your Honours This House has agreed that their severall Members and officers be allowed at the rate of twelve Shillings and six pence current money for the three days attendance more than allowed in the Journall of the Committee of accounts this assembly - and desire to know whether your Honours will be willing that the like allowances be made to the severall Members of your house with which if you agree the allowances may be now made accordingly. Signed for the Lower House