

and an Engrost Bill for relieving and freeing the Inhabitants of this province from paying duty for Negroes &c; was read and debated to and was so Enderd and sent to the Upper House of Assembly by Mr. James Smith and Mr. Clayton - They return and say they delivered them, James Bowles Esq. of the Upper House delivered Mr. Speaker the petition of severall poor prisoners thus Enderd &c;

By the Upper House of Assembly Aug. 4. 1721. Gentlemen, The within Pet. being read and considered of its referred to your House that such persons who had rather deliver up all that they have in the world and be sold for the remainder of their debts then lying in Goal, that there be a gen<sup>l</sup> law empowering the sev<sup>l</sup> Justices of the County Courts upon such Application to them made to sell such persons as applying and delivering up all that they have for that term they shall agree upon not Exceeding seven years -

Signed & Order John Beale Clk Upper House Thereupon the Question was put whether a Bill shall be brought in or not, carried in the negative by the Majority of votes - The following Message was ordered to be prepared &c;

By the Lower House of Assembly, Aug. 4. 1721. May it please your Hon<sup>rs</sup>. We have received your Hon<sup>rs</sup> Message to us w<sup>th</sup> Copy of the severall instructions to Mr. Bennett Esq. Governour of New York, first sent from his sacred Majesty King W<sup>m</sup> and since renitted to our Gov<sup>r</sup> by Gov. Burnet in w<sup>ch</sup> we find a Quota proposed on our part of £650 Ster: and upon Examination of inspection into our Journalls Anno 17<sup>th</sup> we find this Country addressed his then Maj<sup>ty</sup> on that affair in which address was mentioned severall of those reasons ag<sup>t</sup> our raising any supply on that occasion which we hope weighed with his then Maj<sup>ty</sup> & will likewise weigh w<sup>th</sup> his present Maj<sup>ty</sup> or any his ministers & shall be pleased to appoint for the Consideration thereof the reasons therein given being so obvious that with what farther Considerations may be justly added thereto we cannot doubt but that as a renew<sup>mt</sup> of that demand has been hitherto foreborne we shall be Excused from it for the future.

Signed & Order M. Jenifer Clk Lower House and sent to y<sup>e</sup> Upper House by Mr. Tyler and Mr. Earle Sent. - They return and say they delivered it