

and his Goals. by. under if a provision is not made in their
 favour. we think the profits of the Sheriff's Office of this County Es-
 pecially will hardly bear the load of the Imprisonment. Gas. of
 so many Persons. as are (almost) Every Term released
 And therefore Desire your Consideration of them (and a proper
 relief for them which we persuaded you will be the readier to do
 when you consider the Extraordinary Expence of maintaining
 prisoners at this place Signed per Order. Saml. Shippen (Capt.)
 which was read (and) referred till to Morrow for further Consideration
 John Hall Esq. And two Others from the Upper House (Deliver Mr.
 Speaker. the Explanatory bill to the Tobacco Act - with the follow-
 ing Message Act. was Read and ordered to be Entered as follows. Viz
 By the Upper House of Assembly February 26. 1798. Gentlemen
 we are sorry to find you so positively resolved not to make any pro-
 vision in a Bill to restrain the Exportation of Chesney Tobacco out of
 this Province for as do not think any other Expedient can
 be found that will prove so Effectual for doing of it nor can
 we foresee any Danger of perjury in talking Oaths easily to be
 Coupled with as those proposed in our Amendment of the
 Tobacco Law. But rather than so beneficial a Law. should be
 Entirely Lost or Contemned in such a manner as that many
 Conscientious Persons cannot Couply with it we are willing
 that the Explanatory bill proposed by your House should
 pass with a paragraph added. therein making the Penalties
 mentioned in the former Law to be recovered before any two
 Justices of the peace who shall be Obliged within three Days
 after Application to them made - to go and view such Tobacco
 and that Every Person who shall Discover any such Chesney Tobacco
 may seize and make it (and) shall Exhibit his Information
 to the Justices within three Days after seizing the same (and) that
 if the Owner of such Tobacco shall convey away or otherwise
 conceal such Tobacco before the Justices shall so view it he shall
 be adjudged Guilty (and) forfeit the Penalty of the Law that the
 Tobacco so seized is (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. (Attended to the Discharge. after
 the manner) over again. Signed per Order Saml. Shippen (Capt.)
 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. the House meets
 according to Adjournment. Yesterday's business

On reading