

In Reading the last message of yesterday, and the Tobacco Law
 Resolved that the Penalties be removed before the Justice only
 and that in Conviction the Tobacco Seize shall be Destroyed in
 the presence of the Justice and the parties Informing shall have the
 Benefit with the former Law. (Mentioned) The question was put
 whether all persons, that have Power to convict persons by the
 new bills or the Justice only or some such other shallfull person
 whom he shall think fitt to Appoint. Carried by the majority of
 Votes that it be only the Justice or to whom he shall Appoint. And
 resolved that the Justice have power to search all Out Houses. (P)
 For Trashy Tobacco. And in finding any to convict themselves
 the like penalties. The Question was put whether a Clause shall
 be added in favour of Somerset and Dorchester Counties 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 Tobacco
 to the intent of the Law and order. the following message be prepared. (P)
 B. of Lower House of Assembly Feb. 27. 1721. My Lord
 Please your Honour to have Debated your Lord's message of yest-
 erday by Esq. Hall and two others of your house and the
 cause to the following Resolutions thereon 1st that the penalties imposed
 be removed before any single Justice of the peace in regard
 two may differ in opinion and they may live so remote that
 may be difficult to pursue them 2^d that on condition the
 Tobacco Seize shall be Destroyed in the presence of the Justice
 before whom such Conviction shall happen and the parties Inform-
 ing to have the Benefit with the former Law mentioned. 3^d
 that Every person in the province consume his Trashy or
 bad Tobacco as the Straps his Shop yearly under the Penalty
 of One Thousand pounds of good Tobacco for Every such Offence
 to be convicted by the oath of the parties Informing (in case such
 Trashy or bad Tobacco be removed before any single Justice and
 of such Trashy or bad Tobacco be not removed then such
 Justice be required on Complaint made to go with the Informer
 or Impower. Some sufficient Men in Tob. to go with the
 Informer. And View the same. And on the Execution to make
 his report to the Justice in order to acquit or convict the person so
 accused. 4th that Every Justice or such person appointed for
 the better Execution of this Law have full power to search all
 Tobacco houses, or other suspicious houses, or places, upon Com-
 plaint made or upon his own Suspicion of any such Trashy
 or bad Tobacco, so supposed to be therein Lodged or concealed and
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