

greatly affect the properties of people in these parts, if Indians be allowed to harbour our slaves as the Indians do at this time do and protect them under the pretence of their having set such slaves free.

This Gentleman we took upon as a matter of great Importance to this Province severall of our own Negroes and Slaves having already run away to the said Indians and living now among them, which if not in time prevented, may be an Encouragement to greater numbers of them to do so, we therefore recommend this to your Consideration, as also the mischievous consequences of the unlawful tumultuous meetings of Negroes, who under the pretence of Smith Ketch and Corbiers all the evil they can of which we have lately had a remarkable Instance in the barbarous design of the Negroes of Virginia tho' happily before Execution discovered and prevented.

Signed & Order Taken! Shippen Clk Upper House
Which was read and resolved that this House will further consider thereof and ordered that the following Message be prepared vizt

By the Lower House of Assembly Oct. 22^o 1722

May it please your Honours we concur with your Honours Message of this day by Coll. Addison and shall consider of proper Measures for the redressing the Aggravances therein complained of with all convenient speed.

Signed & Order Taken! Shippen Clk Upper House
Which was sent to the Upper House by Mr. Humphreys and Mr. Chair. They return and say they delivered it, Coll. Filgman from the Upper House delivers Mr. Speaker the Bill to confirm Lands devised for the use of Churches thus endorsed vizt

By the Upper House of Assembly Oct. the 22^o 1722

Gentlemen, In Answer to your Message on the 19th Instant by Mr. Humphreys and three others the bill being read will pass.

Signed & Order Taken! Shippen Clk Upper House
Which was read again and sent for Engraving
On Reading the petition of John Maccestor of Dorset County referred from last Session's House is given to bring in a Bill to put the petitioners in the same Circumstances as other publick Creditors were which was so endorsed.
Philimon Lloyd Esq. from the Upper House delivers Mr. Speaker the Bill to enable Hugh Matthews to sell Dennis Sullivans