

of Annapolis; to enable the Justices of the said County to purchase Ground, and to assess Tobacco on the Taxable Inhabitants thereof, to pay for such Ground, and to defray the Charge of such Building; and also to enable the Justices of the other Counties within this Province, to build Common Goals, and other necessary Conveniences where they are wanting; and to alter or repair Gaols already built. Which Bill was read the first Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Message, viz.

*By the Lower House of Assembly, August 31, 1731.*

*May it please your Honours,*

—This House agreeth to all the Amendments proposed by Your House, to the Bill entituled, *a Supplementary Act to an Act, entituled, an Act for settling the Rates of Foreign Silver Coins, within this Province*, except to the leaving out Spread-Eagle Dollars; that Alteration this House cannot consent to, because the Circulation of them at a certain Rate is necessary for this Province: Therefore, we have agreed, that they pass current at 4 s. 3 d. each Spread-Eagle Dollar; and propose, that That Amendment be made to the said Bill, which if done, the Bill will pass.

*Sign'd per Order, M. Macnemara, Cl. Lo. Ho.*

Was sent to the Upper House, by Capt. *Dasbiels* and Capt. *Blackstone*; who return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the same.

The Bill, entituled, *an Act to prohibit the raising of Hogs in any Town, within this Province*, was read the Second Time, and passed; and sent to the Upper House by Mr. *Smith* and Mr. *Hemsley*; who return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the same.

The following Message, viz.

*By the Lower House of Assembly, August 31, 1731.*

*May it please your Honours,*

His Excellency the Governor, in His Speech at the Opening this Session, mentioned Two Queries sent Him by the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations; and desired the joint Advice and Information of both Houses, in giving Answers to them, as a Matter of great Importance to this Province: And this House being of Opinion, that the utmost Care ought to be taken, to be very exact in the Information to be given to the Governor by both Houses, desire Your Honours to appoint some Members of Your House, to join with some Members of this House, as a Committee to examine the Books and Entries of the several Officers, concerning the Exports, and to take such further Measures as the Committee to be appointed, shall think proper for the Discovery of the Truth, the better to enable both Houses to assist the Governor, in giving full, particular, and true Answers to the said Queries. *Sign'd per Order, M. Macnemara, Cl. Lo. Ho.*

Was sent to the Upper House by Col. *Gale* and Mr. *Robins*; who return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the same.

*John Hall, Esq;* from the Upper House, delivered to Mr. Speaker, the Bill entituled, *a supplementary Act to the Act, entituled, an Act for settling the Rates of Foreign Silver Coins, within this Province*; and the following Message, viz.

*By the Upper House of Assembly, 31 August, 1731.*

*Gentlemen,*

In Answer to Your Message of this Day, by Mr. *Dasbiel*, and Mr. *Blackstone*, this House is willing that Spread-Eagle Dollars be inserted in the Bill, entituled, *a Supplementary Act to an Act, entituled, an Act for settling the Rates of Foreign Silver Coins, within this Province*: Provided, that the current Price for each Spread-Eagle Dollar, therein to be inserted, be Four Shillings.

*Sign'd per Order, J. Rofs, Cl. Up. Ho.*

Col. *Holland*, and Two more, from the Upper House, delivered to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entituled, *an Act for the Amendment of the Staple of Tobacco, by destroying the Trash*. Indors'd thus:

*By the Upper House of Assembly, 30 August, 1731.*

Read the first Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

*Sign'd per Order, J. Rofs, Cl. Up. Ho.*