

In Answer to your Message of this Day by Mich<sup>l</sup> Howard Esq<sup>r</sup> we take leave to  
 Avow as this House is so we hope you are informed of the Justice of the Law Sheriff paying  
 a proportion to his Creditors of what he receives for their Claims and as we take it that  
 for emitting and making current Writely Thousands pounds current money in Bills of  
 Credit fully Justified with a Construction and the doing so seems Intended thereby—  
 Therefore this House did on the report of the Commissioners appointed by both Houses  
 Draw the Bill as it seems by your message thought improper yet we hope your Hon<sup>rs</sup>  
 on considering the following facts (which are made up by the Practices of Sheriffs  
 to the prejudice of the Inhabitants) will think such a Bill needful.

The first is that all people and especially the pensioners of each County who  
 certainly deserve to be treated with great Compassion are paid off their allowance  
 at ten Shillings per Cent whereas had they but a proportion of the money paid  
 and the residue (which is their Right) in Tob<sup>o</sup> by the Sheriff they might be  
 much better accommodated and the Charge of the County reduced—

Secondly that some of the Sheriffs as we are Informed do actually  
 use means whereby to evade receiving the money the people are allowed to pay  
 In Discharge of their Dues and as we can by no means think your Honours  
 are Inclined the Body of the People should be at the mercy of the Sheriffs  
 In these Instances and as the only way to prevent these Injuries and a perpetual  
 Persecution between the Sheriffs and the people many of whom especially the  
 Pensioners are not in any manner Enabled to contend with the Sheriff for  
 Their right and must therefore sink under the loss, can only be by explaining  
 The Act first named and Declaring its Intent and that the Subjects of the  
 Address mentioned by your Honours is rather to make the Circulation of the  
 Paper money Defusive in Instances not Intended to be Included in the Act  
 first named and because we think the people will be under great Difficulties  
 We submit your Honours to agree with us in the Reasonableness and necessity  
 of such a Bill and that your Honours will pass the Bill now in your House

Signed by order M Macnamara Esq<sup>r</sup> Speaker

The House adjourns until tomorrow morning 9 a Clock  
 Thursday morning April the 8<sup>th</sup> 1736—The House met according to Adjournment  
 The Members were called all present as yesterday except Ed Machale—

An Engrossed Bill Entituled an Act for Erecting a Town in Kent County  
 on the South Side of Sabasay River on a Tract of Land called Tolchester  
 at the place where the ferry is now kept— An Engrossed Bill Entituled an  
 Act for the further assessment of 20000 of Tob<sup>o</sup> on the Taxable Inhabitants  
 of Durham Parish in Charles County to be applyed to the finishing a new Church  
 In the said Parish already begun to be built— An Engrossed Bill  
 Entituled an Act to alter the times for holding the assizes and Provincial Courts  
 and to appoint the said Courts to be held at that times therein mentioned—

An Engrossed Bill Entituled a Supplementary Act to the Act Entituled an  
 Act for the Tryal of all Matters of fact in the County where they have  
 Arisen or shall arise the Continuance of Lawes in the Provincial Court  
 and Adjournment of that Court and for continuing the same—