

The fifth, sixth, and seventh, this House agrees to. But to till (as they cannot) be intended, can your Honours for the Continuance of the Act is so short, that the People for whose Benefit it is intended, can scarcely receive any by it: And therefore we make no Doubt but your Honours, on mature Consideration, will concur with us, in the Duration inserted in the Bill, as well as the other Particulars herein expressed.

Signed per Order, M. MAGNEMARA, Cl. Lo. Ho.

Was sent to the Upper House, with the Bill entituled, *An Act for Tryal of all Matters of Fact, &c.* by Col. King, and Mr. Wilkinson.

The Bill entituled, *An Act reviving an Act, entituled An Act for the speedy and effectual Publication of the Laws of this Province, &c.* was read the first and second Time by especial Order, and will pass; and was sent to the Upper House, by Mr. Worthington, and Major Barnes.

Col. Hammond, from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the Bill, entituled, *An Act to prevent the Act of Limitation taking Place, or being pleadable in the Case of Treasurers Bonds; Indors'd,* 'By the Upper House of Assembly, July 9, 1747. Read the second Time, and will pass, the following proviso being added thereto; *Provided nevertheless, and it is the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, that nothing herein contained, shall extend, or be construed to extend, to debar any Person or Persons whatsoever, from the Right or Liberty of insisting on and pleading the Act of Limitation, in any Suit or Suits, which may or shall be brought on any such Bond or Bonds, which at the Time of making this Act, is or are barred by the said Act of Limitation, may and shall be pleaded in Bar in such Suit or Suits, on such Bond or Bonds, in as full and ample a Manner as if this Act had never been made.*

Signed per Order, J. Ross, Cl. Up. Ho.

Which Amendment being here read, this House doth not concur therewith, and the said Bill was accordingly laid aside.

*The House adjourns 'til Tomorrow Morning 9 of the Clock.*

FRIDAY Morning, July 10, 1747.

THE House met according to Adjournment, &c.

An Ingross'd Bill entituled, *An Act repealing an Act of Assembly entituled, An Act to enable the Rector, Vestrymen, and Church-wardens for the Time being, of St. Anne's Parish, in Anne-Arundel County, to lease certain Lots in the City of Annapolis, &c.* was Read and Assented to, and sent to the Upper House, with the Paper Bill, by Mr. Worthington, and Major Hall.

*The House adjourns until 2 of the Clock.*

*Post Meridiem.*

The House met according to Adjournment.

George Plater, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Message, *viz.*

By the Upper House of Assembly, July 10, 1747.

Gentlemen,

WE can never think of departing from the first Amendment, proposed to the Assize-Bill; since the Bill, as it now stands on that Point, would destroy a fundamental Part of the Constitution of the Provincial Courts and is neither consonant to Reason, nor in any sense agreeable to the Laws of England.

As to what relates to the special Verdicts in civil Cases, the Words we propose, being the same as they were in the former Acts, we cannot depart from them.

We are persuaded you cannot, on a mature Consideration, desire us to recede from the 4th Amendment, since it may happen, as that Part of the Bill now stands, that not only a guilty Person may be acquitted, but even an innocent Person punished, on a Doubt: Besides the Clauses import such an Absurdity, by supposing the Prayer of the Criminal