

L. H. for him & to m<sup>r</sup> speaker & this howse, according  
Journal th<sup>t</sup> busines, by their owne Messenger.  
original

Putt to the Vote whither it bee iudged needfull th<sup>t</sup> a Bill  
bee drawne up Concerning Outlawries & Coroners &c: yea or  
noe?

In the affirmatiue by all (Except those of the Committee)

Was read those Two Acts formerly made & passed Con-  
cerning Hogstealers

Putt to the Vote whither those Acts be sufficiently penall  
yea or noe? Before any further proceed made herein

The Committee Returnes, & presents this ensuing Paper to  
M<sup>r</sup>: Speaker. (viz<sup>t</sup>)

Our Opinions are That no Cessaōn be imposed uppon  
the people of this Prouince  
for these Reasons.

1 Wee Conceiue our Cessation will rather encrease then  
lessen the quantity of Tob. ffor it will encourage the poeple of  
p. 7 those parts to plant Tob. when now there is ted.

2 A Cessaōn shall disincourage to these parts. Wee  
not hauing the seeke for here.

3. Seamen shall not bee any other Comōdity then Tob.  
an excize & ffreight w<sup>ch</sup> their purses.

4 A Cessaōn or  
[One line missing]

labours

5 The Quantity of Tob doth not the want of shippes  
to fetch it away: w<sup>ch</sup> are not to bee expected 'till the Lord  
pleases to remoauē the scourge of War and pestilence from  
Our Nation.

Vppon these Reasons M<sup>r</sup>: Speaker requested each member  
to deliuer his Opinion seuerally. As to a Cessation whither  
necessary yea or noe?

The Maior Vote as That (as to the p<sup>r</sup>sent State of the  
Prouince wherein it now stands) Euery one bee left to his  
liberty eyther for planting of Tob. or employing his time &  
labour on other designes, as hee shall please.

Ordered th<sup>t</sup> that Busines Concerning Hogstealers bee first  
Considered on, in the afternoone

The Howse adiorned by the Speaker 'till 2 a clock after-  
noone

Wednesday 2 a clock afternoone

The howse called. All p<sup>r</sup>nt Except as afore. Co<sup>l</sup> Nath.  
p. 8 appears not former Acts Concerning hogstealers  
(w<sup>ch</sup> the Uote whither sufficiently penall  
[Two lines missing])