

[fore humbly desire your Exc<sup>y</sup> will] be pleased to giue ord<sup>r</sup> for [the same to be brought in, and that the name] of the County to which each [seal shall belong, be put round the said seal], and the Charge thereof [this house has ordered shall be reimbursed by the] said Countyes. Original Journal.

[Signed pr. Order, Henry] Denton Clk Assembly.

passed the house the first reading.

& Council by M<sup>r</sup> Hawkins M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> this  
house to the Gou<sup>r</sup>no<sup>r</sup> and in the Address drawne vp  
Maj in the brought Coll which  
was read as follows Viz<sup>t</sup>

his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> in Assembly May 20<sup>th</sup> 1692.

The Sev[eral Bills] herewith sent, viz: The Act of Recognition &c The Act ag<sup>t</sup> hog[stealers] &c: The Act for preservation of the severall harbours &c<sup>a</sup>

The Act for Inrolm<sup>t</sup> of Conveyances &c: The Act for making high wayes &c<sup>a</sup> The Act for takeing away Error<sup>s</sup> &c. and the Act for Limitation &c: haue been here read & Considered by the board whose opinion therein they think fitt to Signifie to the house as foll, viz<sup>t</sup> As to the Act of Recognition &c: they conceiue it necessary that the preamble thereof were better Excluded, and the Recognizing part onely taken notice off according to the president & Examples of England and our Neighbouring Collonies, that the same may appeare to proceed from Us freely without any Sinnister end or Condition of covenant induceing therevnto. The Act ag<sup>t</sup> hogstealers particularises noe penalties to be inflicted vpon the Offend<sup>rs</sup> for breach thereof but refers to former Acts, which seemes to this board to be altogether insignificant, All the Lawes of this Province in generall formerly made being now abolished and of noe force also for the better & more easie discouery of Criminalls in that & other matters of Like import Viz<sup>t</sup> In all cases of petty Larcenys & Stealing of provisions or other goods it were convenient that the Onus probandi lye vpon the party charged & in whose Custody any such may be found that in Case he or she cannot Sufficiently proove & make appeare when where and how they came by the same it shall be a Sufficient conviction of the Crime, and the punishm<sup>t</sup> to be better considered off, and reduced to fine servitude, or otherwise as shall be thought fitt and more agreeable to the Lawes of England. In the Act of Inrolm<sup>t</sup> of Conveyances &c: there is a certaine fee granted to the Clk: which (as in all other Acts now to be drawne) This board desires may be waved by the house, as a Matter wholly vested by their Maj<sup>ties</sup> in the Gouerno<sup>r</sup> with advice of his Council. To the Act for