

U. H. J. The Bill confirming a Sale of Land made by Anthony Ivey  
p. 241 & Anne his Wife to Tho<sup>s</sup> & John Davys being read in this  
House was Endorsed

Read the first time & will pass & sent to the Lower House  
by M<sup>r</sup> Hall

This House reflecting on the vast Charge the Province  
was at the last year 1715 for Squirrels & Crows heads  
amounting by Computation to not less than £605000 tob<sup>o</sup>  
which reduced to Curr<sup>t</sup> mony at a Moderate price as Tob<sup>o</sup>  
then bore ten shillings p Cent is not less than £3025 an in-  
tolerable Burthen & such a Charge in the full time of peace  
as has scarce ever been levyed in this Province so that the  
Justices of Somersett County particularly for that Charge  
levyed upwards of one hund<sup>d</sup> & forty thousand pounds of  
Tob<sup>o</sup> the last year upon the taxable Inhabitants of that  
County

Wherefore It is proposed whether an Expedient cannot be  
found by falling upon other measures to oblige every taxable  
Person to bring in Six Squirrels heads to the Levy or pay  
four pounds of Tob<sup>o</sup> for what are wanting at least to make  
the proportion more Equal to the Inhabitants For as the Law  
Stands It is only an Encouragement to idle People

Which being drawn into a Message was sent to the Lower  
House by Col Whittington & Phil Lloyd Esq<sup>r</sup>

Col Mackall & four more bring up a Bill for repairing the  
Damages already Sustained in the Records of the Land  
p. 242 Secretarys Commissarys & County Court Offices & for the  
Security of the Same Records for the future

Which being Endorsed Read in the Lower House the first  
& Second times & will pass And was Read in this House &  
Resolved It will pass with this Amendment made to the Bill  
Viz. the particular Rooms be assigned & fitted up for keeping  
the Records in and a Clause added that no persons shall  
make any searches in the Records but the respective Clerks  
of the several Offices And that fair new Alphabets be made  
to the several Record Books & fair Labells put to the several  
Books with their marks numbers and years And further that  
the Secretary's Security be but one thousand pounds & the  
County Clerks to be two instead of one hundred pounds  
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And Sent to the House by L<sup>t</sup> Col Young  
The Board Adjourned for two Hours

Post Meridiem

The Upper House Sate Present as in the Morning