

L. H. J. notice Enough for the law to take place and that there be an Exemption for the duty on Negroes Imported by Vessells wholly owned by the Inhabitants of this province.

Signed p order W Bladen Cl. Up^r Ho:

Whereupon the following Endorsment was ordered to be made Viz.

By the Lower house of Assembly
July 28th 1716

May It please your Honours—

Your endorsment on this bill being Considered wee are of Opinion that Sufficient Encouragement is already given by former laws to the Countrey owners of Vessells and therefore hold it needless further to encourage them least wee should be censured by fforeigners of partiality and also give an opportunity to some by bringing Negroes and Irish Servants from Neighbouring Provinces to elude the said Act therefore wee cannot agree to the Exemption proposed.

Signed p order. Tho. Macnemara Cl: Lo: Ho:

Sent to the Upper house by Maj^r Harris Cap^t Codd and M^r Tyler

Who return and say they delivered the Bill.

Col Coursey Co^l Ennalls, L^t Co^l Young John Hall Esq^r Co^l Whittington and Co^l Smith, Deliver M^r Speaker the following Message (Viz)

By the Upper house of Assembly
July 28th 1716

Gent.

On due Consideration of your Message by Co^l Hoskins & fourteen more of the members of your house Wee acquaint you that wee doe approve of your proposalls therein and unanimously Concurr therewith

Signed p order W Bladen Cl. Upp^r Ho :

It is therefore ordered that the Com^{ee} of Laws doe prepare and bring in a bill accordingly.

Col Ennalls also delivers M^r Speaker the foll: Letter from M^r Carroll to his Ex^{ncy} and the message there under.

Annapolis July the 28th 1716

May it please your Ex^{ncy}

I hope it will not look Improper to Inform your Ex^{ncy} that I understand the officers thrô whose hands the money to be