

Proposed as a regulacōn of the Law relating to his Lpp's revenue and by that it seems their Lpp's Understand the giving up the Quit Rents and Alienacōn Fines as an Inducement to the raising the whole duty of three Shillings and three Pence p^h which never was the Sense of the Country, but th^t the 15^d Part thereof was purely raised for Support of Governm^t without any other Consideracon. L. H. J.

We find by the Law made in 1670 the only Consideracōn for the raising the Two Shillings p^h was that of Supporting Government so necessary to all Comunities and the Applicacōn in Lieu of the rents is only made by way of Provisoe in that Law & nothing Appears in any the later Acts th^t can be reasonably understood to raise the two Shill^s merely in Consideracōn of the easy Payment of the rents & fines And if it Should be now Suggested by the Act as proposed th^t the Easy Paym^t of the rents &c^a is our only Inducement to raise that sume It might be fairly Suggested we were unjust Stewards to the Country in raising so much in Lieu of the rents beyond their Value and a people unworthy to reap the benefits of Government by raising nothing for it's Support and since We are Apprehensive the proposalls Sent us might admit of such Constructions We Cannot consent [to] the Alteracōn any other ways than as it now Stands and pray your Hon^{rs} assent thereto. Signed p Ord^r Mic: Jenifer Clk Lo: Ho:

They return and say they delivered the Bill & Message

On reading the Petition of George Walls of Charles County a languishing Prisoner referr'd from the Upper House on the 5th Instant Leave is given to bring in a Bill as prayed. Maj^r Harris from the Comē of Laws delivers M^r Speaker the following Engrost Bills Viz:

A Bill for the Punishment [of such] as shall Counterfeit his Lpps Seales &c^a

Another for building a Court House for Cecill County.

Another for laying an Addicōnall Duty of Twenty Shillings Curr^{nt} mony p poll on Irish Papists and Negroes &c^a

Another Supplementary Bill to the Act relating to Servants and Slaves.

Which said four Preceeding Bills were read in this House and ordered to be Severally thus endors'd Viz^t

June the 7th 1717.

Read and assented to by the lower House of Assembly.

& Signed p Order Mic: Jenifer Cl: Lo: Ho: