

U. H. J. A Message from the Lower House by Col Mackal and five
p. 17 others Viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly

Feb 24th 1721

May it please Your Honours

We have read and considered the Explanatory Bill to the Act to prevent the making trashy Tobacco &c^a with the Additions and Amendments propos'd by your House, but cannot agree the Bill should pass with those Amendments; for that the imposing the Oaths therein prescribed will be a great Introduction of perjury, and as many Inconveniencies will attend the Explanatory Bill thereby, as the Act formerly past, Wherefore we desire the Bill may now pass as it stands.

Signed p Ord^r M: Jenifer Cl Lo. ho.

To which Message the following Answer is prepared Viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly.

Feb 24th 1721

Gentlemen. On reading your Message in Answer to ours relating to the Additions by us proposed to be made to the Explanatory Bill to the Act for preventing the making Trashy Tobacco &c^a We cannot conceive that those Amendments to it will be any Introduction to Perjury unless it be voluntary; for that the Oaths therein prescribed will be much easier complied with than those in the former Law, And forasmuch as the passing the Explanatory Bill as you propose it, will render the former Law ineffectual. Which Law by Sundry good Advices has already had that good Effect in Europe, that it ought to induce us to use our best Endeavours to preserve it. No Country in the World does make (if we are not wanting to Ourselves) so good Tobacco for a foreign Market as We; and we can Assure you upon the Report of our Tobacco Law in
p. 18 England the Market did rise 30th p Hogshead: and that very Law prevented the Parliament from repealing their Act in our Favour. And further, by sundry Advices we may expect Several Ships with Cargoes to purchase Tobacco in Expectation of the Continuance of our Law, which otherwise would not have ventur'd, And therefore we insist upon adding those Amendments propos'd without which We do not think it reasonable that Bill should pass

Signed p Ord^r Sam^l Skippon Cl. Up. ho.