

vision made for them in the former Laws which we Conceive L. H. J. is but doing them Justice now and therefore Desire the Bill may pass as it now stands.

Signd p Order M Jenifer Cl Lo: Ho.

Which was sent to the Upper House by M^r Tyler and M^r ^{p. 44} Whittington

They return and say they Delivered it.

Col^o Addison from the Upper House Delivers M^r Speaker the bill to try all Crimes in the Counties where they are Committed thus Endorst viz:

By the Upper House of Assembly

Octo^r the 11th 1723.

Gent.

On Reading and Considering the within Bill we are of oppinion that it will not be Convenient to make the tryall of Crimes which Effect Life or Member within the Jurisdiction of the County Courts onely Assisted by one provinciall Justice, because many of the Justices practitioners of the Law and Other Officers in Severall Countys (tho otherwise men of good Discretion) are not well Acquainted with the Law in such Cases, Besides as there are but few Provinciall Justices and those farr remote from some of the County Courts, It may Often happen that the next provinciall Justice by sickness or other Accidents may be prevented from giving his Attendance at the County Courts where such Criminalls are to be tryed which would occasion them to be Detained a Long time in prison and Rather Augment then Lessen the publick Charge and render the Execution of the Law Impracticable for which reasons the Bill will not pass.

Signd p Order Sam Skippon Cl Up. Ho.

And also Delivers the following Message Viz:

By the Upper House of Assembly. Octob^r 11th 1723

Gent.

Although for the Reasons Mentioned in our Indorsment on the Bill to try all Criminalls in the County Courts where such Crimes were Committed wee Could not Consent to the passing of that Bill, Yet we are sufficiently Convinced by the Representation of the Hon^{ble} provinciall Justices and Other Credible Information that the Long Attendance of Jurors Evidences and the Criminalls and Suitors themselves at the Provinciall Courts together with the great fatigue and Hazard in repairing to those Courts is a very great Aggriev-