

the Supplementary Bill to the Act for marking highways thus L. H. J. endorst Viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly Octob<sup>r</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 1724  
Read and will pass.

Signed p order Sam<sup>l</sup> Skippon Cl. Up. Ho.

Col<sup>o</sup> Young from the Upper House delivers M<sup>r</sup> Speaker the Journall of the Committee of accounts assented to by the Upper House and Endorst accordingly.

M<sup>r</sup> Speaker Communicates to this House his Honour the Govern<sup>rs</sup> Letter relateing to John Cornelius, That he has Impos'd on the Legislature by being inserted in the Bill for relief of Sundry poor prisoners and also that it would be an hardship to discharge prison<sup>rs</sup> without allowing any fees to the Sherr.

As to John Cornelius Resolved that he be Struck out of the Bill, and as to the Rest the further consideration thereof is referr'd till next Sessions, and M<sup>r</sup> Speaker is desired to acquaint his Hon<sup>r</sup> the Govern<sup>r</sup> thereof.

The following Message is prepared Viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly Oct<sup>r</sup> the 29<sup>th</sup> 1724  
May it please your Honours

In Answer to your Message of the 28<sup>th</sup> Instant by James Bowles Esq<sup>r</sup> on the Supplementary Bill to the Act for Tryall of all matters of fact in the Counties where they have Arisen &c<sup>a</sup> We hope your Hon<sup>rs</sup> will be of opinion that Bills of Exception ought as well to be allowed in Criminal Cases that do not affect Life as in Cases that do when you shall have considered that an honest man's Reputation (always Dearer to him than life it Self) may be in Question and that he may Suffer an Injury in it, as no Time can Efface nor any thing in the power of Man Repair By the over Ruling a Just and Lawfull Challenge and admitting his Enemies upon the Jury By the allowance of Incompetent witnesses By the Jury's (tho' Impartial) mistaking the Evidence, By the Judges giving a wrong Charge and the Jury's being influenc'd by such a Charge, and even the Judge himself being prejudiced or under a Surprize. All these Circumstances may possibly Concurr in one Man's Case and every man is Lyable to some one of them which (as things may be managed) may be his own and familys Ruin. Now we apprehend that Bills of Exception will be a Guard against an Innocent persons un-