

electing and Summoning Delegates Severally Assented to U. H. J.
by the Lower House which Bills being read are likewise Assented to by this House.

An Engrossed Bill by Captain Harrison and M^r Oldham Entituled An Act relieving the Inhabitants of this Province p. 146 from some difficulties they may lye under in paying their Levies and other just Tobacco debts this Year Assented to by the Lower House and being read Likewise Assented to by this House

A Bill from the Lower House by M^r John Courts and M^r George Dent intituled An Act for the Relief of M^r Thomas Dent of Charles County Gent. thus endorsed.

By the Lower House of Assembly October 30th 1724.
Read and will pass.

Signed p Order. M. Jenifer Cl. Lo. Ho.

Which Bill was read and thus endorst viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly October 30th 1724.
Read and will Pass.

Signed p Order Samuel Skippon Cl. Up. Ho.

Sent to the Lower House by Col. Ward.

Then the House went upon the Consideration of the Bill for the Limitation of Officers fees &c^a and ordered the following Endorsement to be made upon the Bill Viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly October 31st 1724.
Gentlemen.

On reading and considering the within Bill we are of opinion that the Granting of Special Warrants by the Secretary is a matter of favour from his Lordship We cannot therefore think the customary fees of 500 pounds of Tobacco for Petition Order and making out the said Warrant is an unreasonable fee especially considering that the Secretary or his Clerk does upon Application even of the most Ignorant Advise and form the necessary Recital to each Warrant without a Regular Petition setting forth the several circumstances of the Case And as to the Renewal of Warrants its the Persons own neglect who applies for them If he dont make the proper return or renew them within the time Limited

2^{dly} That to Oblige Merchants who Trade for Tobacco in expectation of Profit to take another Commodity instead of