

U. H. J. certain, whereby their lease might be rendered very unequal to the rest of the Inhabitants of the Province

The new Tobacco bill proposed for Our Concurrence We have thought ourselves obliged to reject for the beforementioned Considerations, but more particularly for the following Reasons: It is a Bill of the same Nature (some few Circumstances excepted) with the former; against the Sanction to which in Great Britain publick Oppositions it is well known are made and as the fate of the s^d Law is at present doubtful to us, the Attempt of making a new Law of the like nature may be thought a presumptuous anticipation of the Right of His Majesty and the Lord Proprietary to assent or Dissent to Laws passed here, & an Evasive Infringement of the Prerogative and would in Effect preclude this Province the Benefit of a Dernier Resort in Great Britain

As we are satisfied your House acted with no such Views so indecent towards the Royal or Proprietary Prerogative as the before mentioned Constructions might suppose, but that the present Calamity of the Country induced you thereto, We recommend (to avoid any Causes of such Imputation) a Supplementary bill to the s^d Law proposing such Amendments as may be thought necessary & Convenient.

Signed p Order John Ross Cl. Up. Ho.

Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eight of the Clock

July 31

Thursday Morning 31st July 1729

This house met again according to Adjournment
Present as Yesterday

Read a second time the Bill Entituled an Act for the Assessment of Ten pounds of Tobacco p Poll on the Taxable Persons in S^t Pauls Parish in Queen Anns & Talbot Countys the next Levy & Ten p Poll the Ensuing; also for the assessing Ten p Poll yearly on the taxable Persons in S^t Lukes Parish in Queen Anns County, until they shall have raised sufficient to compleat a Church in the s^d Parish, & Ordered to be thus Endorsed

By the Upper house of Assembly 31st July 1729

Read a second time & will pass.

Signed p Order John Ross Cl Up Ho.

Sent to the Lower house by Coll Rider

Three Engrossed bills from the Lower house by M^r Dashiell and M^r Hemsley, One Entituled An Act for the further Assessment of forty thousand pounds of Tobacco on the Inhabitants of S^t Anns