

his L^{pps} Charter and agreeable to the constitution and publick L. H. J.
Weal of this province; wherefore if you approve thereof, we shall willingly Joyn with you in directing the alteration above propos'd to be made in the form of the Oath to be hereafter taken by all the Judges of the Courts of Judicature.

Sign'd p order Samⁿ Skippon Cl. Up Ho.

A Supplementary Bill to the Act for relief of poor Debtors and ascertaining the manner of Tenders of Tobacco was read and

The Question being put whether all false packt Tobacco shall be burnt or not,

It was Carried in the Negative

Thereupon the Bill was Committed for amendment

A Bill to regulate the practice of Entring Caveats in the Land office was read the first Time and the Question put whether the Bill shall have a second reading or not. Carried in the Negative, and thereupon the Bill is rejected.

Resolved that the Committee of acc^{ts} make allowances till Saturday next.

John Hill Esq^r from the upper House Delivers M^r Speaker the Supplementary Bill to the Circuit Law thus Endorst Viz:

By the Upper House of Assembly October 22^d 1724.

[Gentlemen]

On Reading this Bill we observe first That to allow Bills of Exceptions in Criminall Causes will give great Encouragem^t to ill people who through want of Experience in the Clerks and other officers attending the Judges in their Circuits may too often escape punishment (tho' they Justly p 156 deserved it) by the Assistance of Council. Secondly the allowing the County Justices, who shall be associated to the Judges voices in Criminal Causes, will be an Innovation made upon the Brittish Constitution, to which we desire to conform as farr as is consistent with our own. Thirdly, the Restraint upon the Judges in Petty felonies seems to be of ill consequence for they may well try such and so many as in their discretion there may be Time for and as the aggravation of the Crime may deserve; and referr the Rest to the County Courts, which will be a Great Check to Villainy. Fourthly, to allow of Removalls to the Provinciall Court will bring frequent Tryalls of matters of fact thither w^{ch} is contrary to the design of the former Act; for which Reasons this Bill will not pass as it now stands.

Sign'd p order Samu^{el} Skippon Cl Up: Ho.