

they present to the Board, and desire that what Bills are here ready may be removed to the house for Ingrossment; the Bills by them now brought are Vizt. —

An Act touching Coopers and the Gage of Tobacco hogsheds Indorsed May the 26th 1692 read the first time —

An Act for preservation of Orphans Estates Indorsed May 26 1692 read 1st time.

An Act against the Exportation of Woole and old Iron Indorsed May the 26th 1692 read first time. —

An Additional Act for Ordinaries &c Indorsed May 26th 1692 read first time.

Proceed to read the severall Bills before the Board Vizt. —

An Act concerning Wild horses, a clause to be inserted prohibiting all Persons under a Severe Penalty to Range the Woods and hunt for Wild Horses without the Licence from the Governor —

An Act for Limitation of Officers fees / Remark / the Chancellors fee for Transcribing and Transmitting the Laws to the several Counties now Omitted, ought to be Ascertained and inserted in the said Act.

An Act concerning Negroes and Slaves Indorsed / the Remark of this Board May 26th 1692 Women Marrying with Negroes and Slaves, this Board still stick at the Severity of making them Slaves during the Husbands Life, and desire it may be Mitigated as before, their Children they are willing may serve to the age of 31 years

An Act for the Election of Burgeses &c Indorsed / read here first time May the 26th 1692 —

An Act for payment of fees due from Criminal persons Indorsed / May 26th 1692 To be indefinite. —

To the Act for Limitation of Officers fees were added and Indorsed these further Remarks Vizt. Surety for Special Bayle Allowed but 12th of Tobacco fyer 7th Tobacco unequal and unreasonable, fyer for the good Behaviour 7th Tobacco Sec^y Nothing, the same, fyer County Court for the good Behaviour 7th Tobacco. (The nothing as before) fyer for clearing by Proclamation 80th Tobacco Sec^y Nothing the same, fyer County Court for clearing by Proclamation 7th Tobacco Clerk Nothing the same fyer County Court Special Baile 36th Clerk but 6th the same Sec^y fees for taking Oaths of Jurys Ardenes &c wholly Omitted —

Came Mr. Greenfield from the house and presents to the Board this following Petition Vizt. To his Excellency &c.

The Humble Petition of Thomas Griffin Master of the Ship Industry — Humbly Sheweth

That in Virginia they pay 80th Tobacco G^o. Ton to the Carpenter and two and six pence only to the Kings collector, Secretarys Office and Naval Office, that they pay no 2th G^o. the Impost on Tobacco by any Ship that is Built in the Country, nor 3th G^o. Gallon for Rum by any Ship so Built; That your Honours would Indea vour for Encouragement of Trade of this Country to propagate the Act of Navigation according to the Book of Rates or the Laws of Oleron — is the Scope of this Petitions —

And your Petitioner shall ever pray &c.

By the house of Assembly May 25th 1692.