

Whether the Planters shall grow their Tobacco within a Mile of the Water Side or not
Carried in the Negative. The Question whether a time shall be limited for getting tobacco
ready or not Carried in the Affirmative by the Majority of votes. Then the Question was
put by what time it shall be got ready whether the last day of May or the last day of
June Carried by the Majority of votes that it be the last day of May.

The house adjourned till One o'clock in the afternoon
Post Meridiam. The house meet according to adjournment - the house lay till to morrow morning
Eight o'clock - Wednesday July 26. 1721 The house meet according to adjournment
yesterday's proceedings read. On a Motion made Question was put whether a Supplemen-
-tary Bill to the Act Laying an Imposition on Liquors & Negroes shall be brought in
to exempt Persons from Paying Duty on Negroes that shall be imported with them for the
use of their own families, Carried in the Affirmative of the Majority of votes -

Then the Question was put whether they shall be kept two years or one before they
shall be disposed of, Carried by the Majority of votes that it be two years - Ord. that the
Committee of Laws prepare the Bill - Supplementary Bill to the Act for Stay of Execution
after the tenth day of May yearly was read the first and second time by Especial Order
and will pass Nomine Contradictio which was so Endorsed and sent to the Upper house
by Mr Taylor and Mr Caldwell, they return and say they delivered it -

Resolved that the Door keeper to the Grand Court be allowed to this time but not for the future
James Bowles Esq. from the Upper house Delivered Mr Speaker the following Message by
By the Upper house of assembly July the 26th 1721

Gentlemen Having read your Answer to our Message by Coll. Filchman relating to the
Law for the Continuance of Actions we are apprehensive that your Opinion that the time
for Continuance is to extend to the End of the fourth Court after the appearance Court will
not have suff. weight to Influence or save the Conscience of those Justices in the Courts of Law
who have hitherto been of a contrary Opinion for we find that you do at all consider the
Circumstances of those that must suffer without their falls by the Extraordinary Criminal
Business of the East Broo. Court or at least that you have not provided any provision
for them for that some Cases will expire in August to which time being a special
Adjournment no Jury could be summoned even the time of Limitation should be adjudged
according to your Opinion - We cannot omit to remark that the Consequence of
that Law is burthensome to the peop. Suffering in obliging them to renew their Suits at
Double Charges for the recovery of their Just Debts and oppressive to the Defendants
in causing them to be condemned & charged by the Default of their attorney in unjust
Demands and thereby obliging them to tedious Suits in Chancery and in the High Court
of Appeals and at last perhaps scarcely able to Extricate themselves from the
Inconveniences of that Law and by this means the attorneys who perhaps are the
Only Persons fairly (except where the Act of Providence interposes) are the Only
Gainers by having their Causes ended without the trouble of pleading them their
fees sooner paid and their business much increased, we therefore propose that you
would rather remedy the Evil of Delaying Suits by imposing a smart fine on the
attorney that shall be the cause of the Delay than (perhaps for his Negligence) to destroy
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