

night, they are willing to Adjourn. He returns and says the Lower house shall have some thing ready for this house in half an hour. Lib. W. H.

Coll Jowles, M<sup>r</sup> Lingan & M<sup>r</sup> Harris M<sup>r</sup> Brooke & M<sup>r</sup> Hawkins and bring this following writing relating to Grievances Viz<sup>t</sup>

To the honourable the Deputy Governors in the Upper house of Assembly.

May it please your honours; We the Delegates and Deputies of this present Generall Assembly do in the name of the Inhabitants and freemen of this Province Complain of Severall grievances and Burthens which we now feele and Lye under and desire redress and relief Accordingly Viz<sup>t</sup>

Imp<sup>rs</sup> Whereas by an Act of Assembly Entituled an Act for raising and providing a Support for his Lordship the Lord Proprietary of this Province during his Natural Life &<sup>c</sup> Made at a Generall Assembly begun and held at the City of S<sup>t</sup> Maries in the Province of Maryland the 27th Day of March 1671 and by other Acts since made Confirming the same and now in force It was thereby Provided that his said Lordship his Receiver or Receivers Generall for the time being shall receive good sound Merchantable Tobacco for his said Lordships Rents and fines for Alienations of Lands reserved upon the Severall and Respective Grants of Land in this Province at the rate of Two pence per pound any thing in his said Lordships Grants to the Contrary Notwithstanding Nevertheless his said Lordships Receivers and other Officers Appointed Contrary to the said Law have and do under Colour of their said Offices not only refuse to receive Tobacco as by the said Law is Provided, But Exact Money Sterling to the great Agreivance and oppression of the Good People of this Province of which we humbly desire Address and Relief. p. 565

2dly. Whereas the honourable the Secretary's of this Province do charge the People of this Province with Several fees which are not by Law due particularly in that for Recording Proceedings which they do take and Extort by way of Execution, the said fees being due and paid under another Denomination of which We humbly desire redress and Reliefe.

3<sup>dly</sup> Whereas it is provided in the Act for Advancement of Trade that the Right honble the Lord Proprietary should before the last day of August 1685 for the quick Dispatch of Shippes &<sup>c</sup> Appoint in Wicocomoco, S<sup>t</sup> Maries Patuxent and Ann Arundel for the Western side of this Province & in Talbot and Somerset Counties for the Eastern Shore Some fit Officer or Officers for the Entring and Clearing of Ships in the said Severall and respective places for want of which Trade has