

L. H. J. for defence and secureing themselves' and the Same being Likewise ag^t Law.

This Committee being Likewise ordered to consider of a Law to be drawne in pursuance of his Ex^{cys} the Gov^{rs} proposall relating to his said Ex^{cys} appointing a Justice of the peace when any remove or dye by Warr^t under his hand and seale without putting the countys to the charge of a new Commission.

This Committee having seriously deliberated and debated this proposall do conceive it much to the advantage of the countys and Ease of the publick charge; but th^t it would be of dangerous consequences to make a law so contrary to the known Lawes of the Kingdom of England especially considering the Law impowering the com^{rs} of the county Courts for tryall of Criminalls which by severall adjudged cases of all the Judges of England.

It's Resolved that all Commissions of that nature ought to be under the broad seale And so consequently no person in a meaner Capacity capable of sitting Judge of the same.

The following reporte with the concurrence of the house thereto sent to his Ex^{cy} the Gov^{rs} Hon^{ble} Councill.

House adjourned till two of the Clock.

p. 130 Post Meridiem. House mett.

A Letter from the Right hon^{ble} the Lords of the Council for Trade and fforeigne plantations wherein Severall Queries are putt Laid before the house for their perusall and consideration.

Also a Letter from the hon^{ble} the Com^r of the Customs requireing his Ex^{cy} to have a Bond prosecuted which was taken for the Shipp Expedition of Maryland that went directly to Caurressau a Dutch factory.

House adjourned till 6 of the Clock on Munday Morning

Munday May the 31st 1697

House mett. Major William Barton appears in the House. Severall proposalls from his Ex^{cy} the Gov^r and his Ma^{tys} hon^{ble} Councill Layd before the house.

Whereupon Debated and Resolved as followeth Viz^t

And as to the first being a complaint from Somersett County that the Expences of the County Com^{rs} there at 80^{lb} Tob^o p^d are burthensome and grievous to the said County.

Resolved that his Ex^{cy} be addressed to Lessen the number of Com^{rs} in the said County.