

Original As to what you represent as Grievances that severall of the  
Journal. Justices & Vestry men of the severall Countys have been  
Arrested &<sup>ca</sup>

His Excell<sup>cy</sup> wants to know their names soe that if any of them hath beene dealt with Contrary to Law care shall bee taken th<sup>t</sup> they shall have right & Justice done them. But tis hoped you dont imāgine th<sup>t</sup> a Justice of Peace or Vestryman is not Lyable to the Law as you would seem to insinuate You may remembe<sup>r</sup> what his Excell<sup>cy</sup> told you the begining of this Sessions th<sup>t</sup> he had & would Endeavo<sup>r</sup> to Support the Creditt & Reputation of all those who were in any Employ Vnder his Maj<sup>ty</sup> heere with all the power he hath provided they behaved themselves well and if there be any thing wanting that is reasonable in Answering Yo<sup>r</sup> Address concerning them his  
p. 84 Excell<sup>cy</sup> will be willing to pass any Law or Ordinance to that effect; but hee is afraid that the reasons why Some of the Iustices and Vestrymen have not th<sup>t</sup> hono<sup>r</sup> Obedience & respect shewed to them, but Slighted & Contemned by the Vulgar is their owne Actions & behaviour And he is affraid they suffer themselves to be abused & affronted in open Court without punishing the offend<sup>rs</sup> That they Suffer Cursing swearing, drunkenness & quarelling too oft in Court times & th<sup>t</sup> some of the Justices have allowed th<sup>m</sup>selves & others Tob. out of the publick Contrary to Law Viz<sup>t</sup> S<sup>t</sup> Marys Calvert Prince Georges Dorchester & Talbott Countys. As by Coppies of the s<sup>d</sup> County Levys heerewitn sent May Appear.

It is very Surprizing to his Excell<sup>cy</sup> yo<sup>r</sup> Representing his Sitting in View of the Provinciall Court strikes an Awefull fear vpon Attorneys Iuro<sup>rs</sup> & Suito<sup>rs</sup>; but sure it Cannott vpon those th<sup>t</sup> are honest but is in hopes it does vpon Knaves. Some of the Kings of England have Sate at their Courts at Westminster Hall & when they have vouchsafed the Courts the hono<sup>r</sup> they have come to hear Causes & As Spectato<sup>rs</sup> & he does not understand what you mean by being Restrained from th<sup>t</sup> Liberty and ffreedom heeretofore vsed & he hopes in God you can neither Joyntly nor Severally Accuse him of doeing injustice either in Courts or out of them since he hath had the Honor to Govern this Country but if you Can he wills you Legally to prove it.

p. 85 As for yo<sup>r</sup> Address Concerning the five Lawes, Yo<sup>r</sup> Resolve is since all the Acts for Impositions will not be repealed, the house are Willing they should Expire of themselves soe that his Excell<sup>cy</sup> Supposes it to be in Vaine if it should bee offered for two or three of them to be taken off, but yo<sup>r</sup> being perswaded that in strictness of Law a Prorogation is the End of an Assembly seems to be a very odd dan-