

Original Journal. uralizacon was here granted and is referred to the Committee of Laws to prepare a bill for that purpose.

Ordered that M^r John Lecompt withdraw the house whilst the report of the Committee of Elections and priviledges is Debateing.

The Committee thereupon Enters the house and make their reporte as follows

May it please Your Ex^{cy}

We whose names are under written of the Committee appointed for Enquireing into Elections and priviledges In obedience to an order of this honble house have examined the peticonary Complaint of the Inhabitants and freeholders of Dorchester County referred to us by this honble house Complaining of an undue ret. made of Jn^o Lecompt to serve as a Dellegates for that County in this present Gen^l Assembly

It appeares to us upon the return made by Jacob Loockerman the Sherrif: of the said County that Jn^o Lecompt had the Surplus of two votes but upon the examination of the poll in presence of the Sherriff: and Jn^o Taylor compl^t in behalfe of the said County it doth appeare to us that fower p^{rs}ons ought to be struck of the pole list which was taken in favour of Jn^o Lecompt and it allsoe appeares to us by the evidence of the said Sherriff: that two persons ought to be struck of the poll list taken in favour of Jn^o Taylor that was candidate and sett up ag^t Jn^o Lecompt, there is allsoe one Morris Bryce who gave his vote for Jn^o Taylor and was allowed by the Sherriff at the time of Election and putt into the list but now at this time at a more strict scrutiny made into the s^d list the s^d Sheriff: in his own vindication, doth assert that this Bryce was not quallified to vote but on the other hand Jn^o Taylor the s^d candidate and Complainant did offer upon oath that the said Brice was questioned at the time of the scrutiny made at the Election, and that W^m Edmondson did give such satisfaction to the Sherriff that he continued him in the list for the said Taylor.

Now may it please this Honble house this matter appearing very nice and we of the Committee knowing ouer owne insufficiency have resolved that it be referred to this honble house whether the said Brice shall be thought quallified to give his vote upon Jn^o Taylors allegation that M^r Edmondson did give Satisfaction at the time of Election as before that he was duely qualified.

There is likewise another difficulty among us w^{ch} we must acknowledge our selves Incapable of determining and Submitt to the Iudgm^t of this honble house to with: whether the Sherriff of the County hath a right of voting, and if he be