

P. R. O. their Ma^{rs} plantacons to the no Small damage of the neighbour-
 B. T. Md. ing Stocks of Cattle hoggs &c^a which he humbly conceives an
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It being by this Comittee Considerd of and Judgd an inde-
 niabile Agrievance and very prejudiciall to the good people
 inhabitants of the said County is humbly referd to the con-
 sideration of the house of Delegates.

It is by this Comittee thought A great agreivance and
 humbly offerd to the house as such that therr is no law pro-
 vided Against the frequent meetings & Assembly of Negroes
 in this province w^{ch} proove very prejudiciall to the Countrey
 by their plotts and ill contrivances ag^t their Masters &c^a at
 Such their meeting's.

Upon the mocon of An honob member of the house it is
 offerd that the present method of having one provinciall
 Court Justice, out of every County is not at all necessary it
 causes A great charge to the province by the number of them
 and enforce that many Unlearnd men are in that office to the
 dishonour of her Maj^{ty} and that A Small Competent number
 would Suffice who by her Maj^{ty} may be paid (As it Justly
 ought to be) to the ease of the province And that such reason-
 able Sallary may be Allow'd to such Justices as may encourage
 such industrious and studious persons as would endeavour to
 quallify them selves for their Maj^{ty}s Service the present method
 being such as deterrs any Judicious person even from owning
 or pretending to any reading which proves only a Snare to
 entangle them in troublesome and unprofitable offices.

It is in humble manner offerd as an Agrievance and prayd
 that it may be enquird into why his Lopps officers make the
 people pay four hundred & Eighty pounds of tobacco for A
 Warrant of one hundred Acres of land Whereas his Lopps
 order is but 240 or thereabouts as it is sayd.

It is likewise offerd As A great Aggreivance to the publiq
 that the charge of Cleaning and repairing the County Arms
 is A Constant and durable charge to the respective County's
 Therefore since the province is Allready well Supplyd with
 Arms it would be A great ease to the County's that some part
 of the three pence p hhd w^{ch} is assigned to the supplying of
 Arms be applied to pay for the cleaning of them &c^a that each
 respective County be Acquitt of such Yearly and Constant
 charge

Signd p order Ino Collins Ct Com

Which being read the house resolves to debate the same.

1st Relating to Negroes Carrying of Gunns &c^a

Read & Resolved that negroes and other slaves be not
 permitted to carry any Gunns or other offensive weapon from