

U. H. J. By the House of Delegates. Novemb 2^d 1709

It having been reported to and adjudged by this House, That it is an Aggrievance to the Province that for some years past the Custody of the Great Seal has been in the Hands of the Governour who by Virtue thereof Sits as Chancellour or Judge in the High Court of Chancery and that upon any Appeal or upon a Bill of Review before the High Court of Appeals the same Person is their Chief Judge also which is but appealing from the Judgem^t of a person in one Court to the Judgem^t of the same in another & very rarely any other Judgem^t rendered than at first

Therefore this House humbly desire the honble Council to join with them in an Address to her Ma:ty that the Custody
 p. 627 of the great Seal may no longer be in the Hands of the Governour But in the hands of such other Person as her Majesty or the Governour and Council here shall appoint

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Also it is reported to and resolved by the House as an Aggrievance that there are two Separate Commissions to the County Court and that the Charge of the Commissions being so often renewed is a Greater Burthen to the Countys than it was formerly when there was but one Commission and all the Justices Sate as Judges upon the Bench

Also It is reported to and resolved by the House as an Aggrievance that places of Trust and Profit especially the Sheriffs
 p. 628 office have been of late sold to such persons as would give most mony for them or Tob^o whereby several Persons have been commissionated that are very uncapable and not qualified and of too mean Capacity and Estates to execute & perform their Dutys and Office and the Inhabitants much thereby aggrieved and oppressed and very Slender security given for