

Sent up by Col^o Smith, Capt. Crabb, M^r Storey and M^r Tyler. L. H. J.
They return and say they delivered the same Lib. 41.

The Report of the Aggrievances brought in last Night being here debated

Resolved the same are of great Aggrievance to the Province
Ordered the same be drawn up into a Message praying to be relieved therein. Which follows Viz.

By the House of Delegates November 2nd 1709.

It having been reported to and adjudged by the House that it is an Aggrievance to the Province that for some Years past the Custody of the Great Seale has been in the Hands of the Govern^r who by Virtue thereof sits as Chancellor or Judge in the High Court of Chancery and that upon any Appeals or upon any Bill of Review before the High Court of Appeals the same Person is their Chief Judge also which is but appealing from the Judgment of a Person in one Court to the Judgment of the same in another and very rarely any other Judgment rendered than at first Therefore this House humbly desire the Honble Council to join with them in an Address to her Majesty that the Custody of the Great may no longer be in the Hands of the Governor but in the Hands of such other Person as her Majesty or the Gov. and Council here shall appoint

Also it's reported to and Resolved by this House as an Aggrievance that one and the same Persons are Justices in the Provincial Court and in the County Courts

Also it is Reported and Resolved by the House as an Aggrievance that several Places of Profit within this Province are in the Hands of one Person which Offices would be better officiated and Business better done and sooner dispatched if the Places were in the Hands of several Persons and be sufficient to maintain them besides it is a great Discouragement to the several Inhabitants of this Province who are well qualified for such Places that Persons less deserving and not qualified according to Law hold Places of Profit and many Times one Person several Offices

Also it's Reported to and Resolved by the House as an Aggrievance that there are separate Commissions for the County Courts and that the Charge of the Commissions being so often renewed is a greater Burthen to the Counties than it was formerly when there was but one Commission and all the Justices sat as Judges on the Bench

Also it is Reported to and Resolved by this House as an Aggrievance that Places of Trust and Profit especially the Sheriff's Office have been of late sold to such Persons as would