

L. H. J. give most Money or Tobacco for them; whereby several Persons have been commissioned that are very uncapable and not qualified and of too mean Capacity and Estates to execute and perform their Duty and Office and Inhabitants thereby much aggrieved and oppressed and very slender Securities given for performing their Offices whereby great Losses have and are likely to happen to her Majesty's Subjects within this Province. It is also Reported to and Resolved by this House as an Aggrievance That the Provincial Court hath Jurisdiction over so small Sums whereby all Actions are almost brought there where the Charge very often exceeds the Debt or Demand and is of great Trouble Charge and Fatigue to the Suitors both Plff. and Def<sup>t</sup> and many Times occasions the Plaintiff to lose both his Debt & Cost and perpetual Imprisonment of the Defendant's Body or Ruin of his whole Estate All which said six last Aggrievances this House humbly desire her Majesty's Honble Council to join with them in redressing and that the Honble Council will join some of their Board with some of the Members of this House in a Conference to consider of the Ways and Means to redress the same and of the Method and Manner of settling the Courts of Judicature and their Jurisdictions with the Manner of their Proceedings and the Qualifications of their Officers Signed p Order  
W Taylard Cl. Ho. Del.

Which being read and approved of was sent up to the Honble Council p Col<sup>o</sup> Walter Smith, M<sup>r</sup> John Whittington M<sup>r</sup> Robert Tyler M<sup>r</sup> Daniel Mariartee, M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Frisby and M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Robins. They return and say they delivered their Message.

The Petition of Richard Llewelin Read and rejected.

Col<sup>o</sup> Coursey and Col<sup>o</sup> Whittington enter the House and deliver M<sup>r</sup> Speaker the following Message Viz.

By the Council in Assembly November 2<sup>nd</sup> 1709.

The Right Honble the Lords of Trade and Plantations having recd the Lord Baltimore's Objections to the Act requiring his Agents to certify into the Secretary's Office the Instructions and Conditions of Plantations with the Fees for them demanded and obliging his Lordship's Deputy Surveyors to qualify themselves according to Law have desired to be informed of the Reasons for passing the said Act. And what other Observations may be necessary thereupon We desire therefore you will take the same into Consideration and make such Observations thereon for their Lordship's better Satisfaction as you shall think fit

Signed p Order W Bladen Cl. Co.