L. H. J. Which Being read it was sent up again to the Council by Col^o Smith, M^r Hemsley, M^r Dare, and M^r Robins for their Honours Concurrence They return and say they delivered the Bill. Col^o William Holland Col^o Greenfield and Col^o Greenberry enter the House and brings with them the aforegoing Bill for reviving the Act for Officers Fees with the following Indorsment.

By the Council in Assembly November 4th 1709

Read the second Time and the Houses Amendment agreed to and past for ingrossing

Signed p Order

W Bladen Cl. Co.

Which being read, it is again read the 4th Time and past for ingrossing

The Committee of Aggrievances enter the House and report as follow Viz.

That it is an Aggrievance to the several Inhabitants of this Province that the several Sheriffs within the same Province do refuse to take for their publick Dues good Merchantable Tobacco when tendered them on Discount when they have Orders drawn on them payable to any Planter for publick Dues but on the Contrary presses on the Poor by executing their fine Tobacco if they do not comply upon their Terms saying that it is at their Election to pay their Claims at any Part of the County tho' never so inconvenient to the Party claiming. Which being read and debated in the House it is Resolved an Aggrievance and ordered the Committee of Laws bring in a Bill this Session to relieve that Evil. Likewise it is represented as an Aggrievance to the Inhabitants in Gen1 that there should be Liberty given to any Persons to hire any Lawyers practicing the Law in any Courts within this Province for any certain Sum p Ann. which gives great Encouragement to the Person hiring such Lawyer to bring as many Actions as they can in Consideration that the Fees due to the Lawyer belong to himself which perhaps in the year amount to a considerable Sum more than what he is to pay the Lawyer which gives Room to judge that if the same Person was to pay a ffee in every Action he would bring the fewer but to be sure he will endeavour whether Occasion or not to bring as many Actions in the year as will amount to the Sum he is to pay his Lawyer which is humbly offerred to the Honble House of Delegates to consider thereof Signed p Order Inº Beale Clk. Com.

p. 233 Which aforegoing Paragraph was read and considered of and it's the Opinion of the House it's no Aggrievance. Likewise the said Committee reported to the House as follows Viz.