

U. H. J. Mr John Macall and seven other Delegates bring up a Supplementary Bill to the Act for probat of Wills Endorsed Read the first and second times in the House of Delegates and by Special Order will pass. Also the following Message from their House

By the House of Delegates
November the 14th 1712

We take it Strange that your Honours should believe the Act restraining the ill practices of Sherriffs in executing Writts fieri facias were only designed to remedy the same in Calvert County and no other place in this Province.

We can give you many Instances of like nature in other Countys and must say the Sherriff of Calvert County is not so great a Stranger to Mr. Dalton's Office of Sherriff to act contrary thereto And that the Goods We Instanced to be Sold were Valued by a Jury at a greater Value than Sold for
p. 789 neither would the Sherriff Sell them until commanded by a venditioni exponas and was forced by the Creditors to sell them at less than Half what the Jury valued them at.

Besides that Bill would remedy many other Evills. As if Cattle are taken in Execution by A. B. Sheriff by Virtue of a fieri fac The Sherriff returns they remain in his Hands for Want of Buyers and then dyes. A venditioni exponas issues commanding his Successour to sell them The last Sherriff cannot execute that Writt for the Goods were never in his Custody And before a new fieri facias can be taken out The Cattle are all lost or dead for after they are executed they are out of the Defendants Custody And the Exec^r or Adm^r of the first Sherriff cannot detain them nor are they answerable so this is a loss to the Creditor as well as the Debtor

Again to what purpose Is it for the Sherriffe to keep the Goods in his Hands for many years, when no Buyers offer This must needs be a great loss to the Creditor and Debtor especially in Goods perishable or chargeable; Or if negros, the profitts of their Labour must be the Sherriffs

And altho the Wisdom of the Kingdom of England never thought meet to make such an Act having no reason there being many marketts and many Buyers Yet we know several Acts of the like nature to this in the English Plantations, And why this Province should be denied the Liberty that others are allowed We know not unless it be to satisfy the
p. 790 Covetous desires of a few merciless Creditors and mercenary Officers and to bring the Commonality into Poverty and Slavery Out of which we have and hope always shall En-