

L. H. J. Oppression her Majesty's poor Subjects labour under by the  
 Lib. 41 unreasonableness of their Attendance on the Provincial Courts  
 and the great fees that are there taken. We believe the  
 Honble President hath now as full Instructions as any Capt.  
 General can expect to pass any Bills of absolute Necessity  
 being invested with a Negative Voice. And if your Honours  
 will assert your own Authority and the Dignity of your Board  
 to remove this and other great Aggrievances we have to lay  
 before you it will be no Breach but a Performance of your  
 Duty to her Majesty a real and not feigned Intent and Desire  
 to serve the Country in which you have a great Interest and  
 more Reputation than so nicely to insist on and deny any  
 Thing that tends to ease the Inhabitants of this Province when  
 the same interferes with the Interest of some particular Per-  
 p. 346 sons. But if your Honours think it more necessary and will  
 consent that a new Bill may be past to remedy those Aggriev-  
 ances (tho' under some other Title) we shall readily concur  
 with you therein, if not, we desire we may not stay here to  
 no Purpose and spend our Time and the Country's Money  
 we being resolved to proceed in no other Matter until we  
 know your Resolution herein the Business of this House being  
 as well to ease the Inhabitants of their grievous and unmerciful  
 Oppressions as to raise a Supply to defray the Charge of  
 the Country

Signed p Order Rich<sup>d</sup> Dallam Cl. Ho. Del.

Ordered M<sup>r</sup> James Lloyd, M<sup>r</sup> Charles Hammond, M<sup>r</sup> James  
 frisbury, M<sup>r</sup> John Broome, M<sup>r</sup> S<sup>t</sup> Ledger Codd, M<sup>r</sup> Thomas  
 Brooke, M<sup>r</sup> James Mackall, and M<sup>r</sup> Henry Ennalls carry up  
 the said Message to the Honble Council.

They return and say they delivered the Message.

The Serjeant attendant according to Order brought to the  
 Bar of this House, James Presbury Sheriff of Baltimore  
 County. M<sup>r</sup> Speaker informed him that he was charged with  
 Partiality and Neglect of his Duty in the Election of Members  
 for that County. The Sherriff confessed he was now sensible  
 thereof and excused himself saying 'twas his Ignorance and  
 some menacing Letters he had from some Gentlemen living  
 about Potapsco that occasioned it and not any Contempt and  
 humbly submitted himself to the Censure of this House  
 praying them to consider his poor Condition and the Parties  
 made in his County & withdrew

The House debated the Cause of sending for the Sheriff,  
 his Excuse, and considering the great and many Disturbances  
 and Heats among the People of the County of Baltimore and  
 that the Sheriff was ignorantly drawn into this Misfeazance  
 in his Office,