

L. H. J. Office now is and that the Office called the Assembly Office
 Lib. 41 belong to the Town Clerk of the City of Annapolis according
 to the Message from the Council

Resolved the Supplementary Act be brought into the Act
 for Probat of Wills to oblige Creditors to take the Deceased's
 Goods at the Appraisments

The House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine O'Clock.

Friday 14th Nov. 1712.

The House met according to Adjournment Being called
 were all present as Yesterday.

Read what was done Yesterday

The Message brought into the House Yesterday relating to
 the Sheriff's executing Writs of fieri facias Read and debated
 and Resolved it be answered as followeth

By the House of Delegates

14th Nov. 1712

We take it strange your Honours should believe the Act
 restraining the ill Practice of Sheriffs executing Writs of fieri
 facias was 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 Counties and must say
 the Sheriff of Calvert County is not so great a Stranger to
 M^r Dalton's Office of Sheriff 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 Neither would the Sheriff sell un-
 til 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 Evils as if Cattle were taken in Execution by A. B.
 Sheriff by Virtue of a fieri facias and the Sheriff returns they
 remain in his Hands for Want of Buyers and then die. A
 Venditioni Exponas issues commanding his Successor to sell
 them this last Sheriff cannot execute the Writ 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 Defendant's Custody and the
 Executors or Administrators of the first Sheriff can't 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
 Sheriff 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 charge-