

L. H. J. Richard Young Serjeant attendant on this House brings here the Body of Andrew Hambleton Esq^r by Virtue of the Hoñble the Speaker's Warrant to him directed.

And M^r Speaker having asked the Reason why he the said Hambleton has been hitherto absent from the Service of this House as being returned a Delegate for Kent County; He offered to the Speaker that he was engaged to attend at a Supreme Court in the Territory of Pennsylvania held or appointed to be held on the 29th of last Month there to appear as Council for some Persons he was retained a long Time before he was elected and that he had no Opportunity to send his Excuse unto the House being at the Time he heard of the said Court a hundred Miles from his own House on Chester River.

It is Resolved that the same Andrew Hambleton be excused for his Absence hitherto paying the Clerk of this House twenty Shillings Current Money and to the Serjeant Attendant the Sum of forty Shillings Current Money and to the Door-keeper five Shillings which Sums the said Andrew Hambleton is ordered to pay to the said respective Officers and thereupon is admitted a Member. And thereupon Capt. S^r Ledger Codd and M^r William Blay are sent up along with him to the Governor and Council to see him qualified according to Law.

They return and say they saw him qualified.

M^r Robert Tyler from the Committee of Aggrievances delivers M^r Speaker the following Report Viz.

By the Committee of Aggrievances
May the fourth 1715

It is humbly offered to this Committee as an Aggrievance that the Justices of Dorchester County have sold and disposed to the two late Sheriffs of their County the several Amerciaments that have become due in their County for several years past for considerable less than the Value, whereby it is not only lessening their County Credit but gives Power to the said Sheriffs to burthen the People from whom the Amerciaments are due with several Fees by bringing Scire facias against them. All which we refer to the House for Consideration thereof

Signed p Order Joh Beale Cl. Com.

p. 507 Thereupon it is Ordered that the Committee of Laws prepare a Bill about Amerciaments in the Prov^l and County Courts to prevent the Inconveniency in the said Report mentioned for the future.