

U. H. J.

By the Lower House of Assembly
July the 25th 1716

May it please your Excellency and Honours

The Committee of Aggrievances have made the following Reports Viz.

p. 197 That that Law now in force against Striking of Fish does not answer the Intent designed in regard that there can be no method found to prevent those people that Live convenient by the Water side they having opportunitys to strike fish undiscovered When those that live a distance off dare not attempt it for fear of being discovered with the Fish & so liable to the penalty of the s^d Act

And that that Law Entituled an Act for relieving the Inhabitants of this Province from some Aggrievances in the prosecution of Suits at Law prevents the Plaintiffs bringing any actions against the Residents of the Province in the Provincial Court wherein the Debt or Damages do not amount to above five thousand pounds of Tob^o or twenty p^{ds} but the Defend^{ts} are left at their Liberty when sued in the County Courts to remove the s^d Actions by Habeas Corpus to the Provincial Court if the Debt or Damages in Demand do amount to above fifteen hundred pounds of Tob^o or Six pounds five Shillings And therefore It is hoped that the same shall be prevented by a Supplementary Bill to the s^d Act

On reading which It was resolved that the same were Aggrievances And that the same ought to be provided against Viz. The former by a Bill repealing the Act against striking of Fish & the latter by a supplementary Bill to the Act relieving the Inhabitants of this Province from some Aggrievances in the prosecution of Suits at Law & pray your Excell^{ys} & Honours Concurrence

Signed p order Tho^s Macnemara Cl Lo Ho.

Which being read & Considered this Board agree to repeal the Law against Striking Fish.

p. 198 But having put the Question whither the refusing the King's Subjects the Benefit of Writts of Habeas Corpus in such Cases be not repugnant to the Laws of Great Britain, Resolved accordingly that if such supplementary Law be made it would be repugnant to the Laws of Great Britain and invade the Subjects Right of making Use of such Writts

The House Adjourned for two Hours

Post Meridiem

The Upper House Sate Present as in the morning