

Yesterday's Proceedings are read.

L. H. J.

M<sup>r</sup> Tyler from the Committee of Aggrievances delivers M<sup>r</sup> Speaker the following report from that Committee, Viz:

By the Committee of Aggrievances June the 4<sup>th</sup> 1717.

It is humbly offered to this Committee as an Aggrievance that Ex<sup>rs</sup> and Adm<sup>r</sup> are not Confin'd by any Strict Law of our Country to Settle and make up Acc<sup>t</sup> with the Com<sup>ry</sup> under a year and a day nor any Law to force the Ex<sup>r</sup> or Adm<sup>r</sup> to deliver to the heirs a Proportionable part of the Ballance of the Testator's Estate till the Accounts are fully Stated and made up w<sup>ch</sup> may not be done in Seven Years except the Ex<sup>r</sup> or Adm<sup>r</sup> Pleases which is the greatest abuse as can be done to Orphans. Therefore it is Prayed that an act may Pass to force an Ex<sup>r</sup> or Adm<sup>r</sup> to deliver the Orphans upon giving in the first Account a Proportionable Part of what then appears to be due if the heir or heirs be at full age to demand the same Provided the heirs give good Security to refund a Proportionable part of w<sup>t</sup> Claims shall be justly made Appear by the Ex<sup>r</sup> or Adm<sup>r</sup>, and th<sup>t</sup> no Injunction shall be brought in Chancery to Delay any Orphans of their right there to remain undetermined above two Courts.

It is also further Offered to this Committee as an Aggrievance that the Sherriffs of Severall County's doth purchase Ordinary Keeper's Tobacco in their Severall Counties and Scares the poor People with Execucōn which abuses the poor and Advances the Sherriffs the which is referr'd to the House for their Consideration

It is also further Offered to this Committee as an Aggrievance that the Publick business of this Province of the Severall Courts is so long Delayed that it is even a Discouragement to the Suitors to seek for their Just right being many Times for Six or Seven Years Depending which forces the Suitors many Times to Agree their Causes to their great Disadvantage It is therefore prayed that an Act may Pass to oblige all County Courts to hear and Determine all Accōns brought in their Severall County Courts within Six months from the time of Comenceing the said Action. And that the Provinciall Court determine all Actions within twelve months From the Time of Comencing the said Action. And all Actions brought in the High Court of Chancery and before the Gov<sup>r</sup> and Council to be determined in Eighteen months from Comencing the said Accōn or Struck off.

Signed p Ord<sup>r</sup>  
Rich<sup>d</sup> Young Jun<sup>r</sup> Clk.

Which being read the Consideracon thereof is referr'd to next Sessions.