

M^r Tyler from the Com̄ittee of Aggrievances returns the L. H. J. following Report Viz.

By the Com̄ittee of Aggrievances

It is offered to the Com̄ittee as an Aggrievance that several Sheriffs make it their practice to execute persons for Tobacco (on pretence of their Dislike thereto) when in truth the Tobacco is really good, and the end of their executing is only for the sake of enlarging their Claim by Execution and Imprisonment fees, or to exact an extravagant rate in mony for their Debts, as by Certificates produced and other Credible Informations appears to this Com̄ittee, and it is further offered that several Sheriffs refuse to discount Tobacco with those people to whom it is due by their orders on them except an Allowance of ten p Cent for discounting the same to be made them all which is referr'd to the House for their further Consideration

Sign'd p Order Nin Mariarte Cl Com.

October the 13th 1724

On the reading whereof and the Petition of sundry Inhabitants of Calvert County desireing that Sheriffs may be Elected by the Majority of the ffreeholders

Ordered that the Com̄ittee of Laws prepare a Remon- p. 136
strance to his Honour the Governour thereon

The Petition of John Bagby complaining of the hardships he has Sustained by the Dep^{ty} Com̄issary of Calvert County his not taking Sufficient Security on the Adm^r of the Estate of John fford decēd and desireing that this house will be pleased to declare whether the Dep^{ty} Com̄issarys Bond for the due Execution of his Office entred into to the Com̄issary Generall be a private or a publick bond

Resolved that that Bond and all other Deputy Com̄issarys Bonds heretofore taken are of publick Nature and answerable to any person that shall suffer by the Mal Administration of the Deputy Com̄issary in his office

The Petition of Mary Hampton, widow praying that An Action of hers depending in the Provinciall Court and to be tryed before the Judges of Assize may be further continued for that Otherwise it will be discontinued before the next Assizes was read and Resolved that she be reliev'd in the Amendments proposed to the Assize Bill unless Cause Shewn to the Contrary to morrow

Coll Ward from the Upper House delivers M^r Speaker, The Petition of Zach^a Maccubbins Sherr of Ann Arrundell County praying An Allowance for attending the Provinciall Courts, &