

L. H. J. Whereupon they past for Engrosing.

John Rousby Esq^r from the Upper house delivers M^r Speaker the following message Viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly Octob^r 23^d 1724.

Gent.

We have Recommended to his Honour the Governour your message of the 16th Instant relateing to the Charge of the Commissions to Assize, And he has been pleased to assure us that he will Cause those Commissions to be regulated for the future according to yo^r request in the said message.

Sign'd p order Sam^l Skippon Cl Up Ho.

M^r Tyler from the Committee of Aggrievances Returns the following Report Viz.

By the Committee of aggrievances, Oct^r the 22^d 1724.

On the many Complaints referr'd this Sessions to the Examinaçōn of your Committee concerning the abuses offer'd by Sherriffs in their office We humbly offer our Sense of them in generall, That they seem to arise from an uneasiness betwixt the Sheriffs and the people, often occasion'd by private dislikes of the person of the Sheriff and often from the Sheriffs discharge of his duty according to Law, tho' perhaps without shewing them such Indulgence as he reasonably might without infringing it.

p. 158 The particular Complaints that have been referr'd to us have appear'd to be no otherways grounded. But we find the Act made in 1723 Entituled An Act reviving and continuing an Act intituled An Act for Limitation of officers ffees and for supplying some defects therein encourages Severall of the Sheriffs to Charge ffees for Executing Levies and public Dues which was in our humble opinion neither Legall nor in Practice before that Act was made, and forasmuch as it Seems to this Committee that the small advantage of such Execution ffee may prevail on some minds, that may be mean enough to Suffer it, to Execute persons without any other Cause than that of Encreasing their gain by the Fee, and that the only end of giving the Sheriff power of Executing for Levies was the better to Enable him to Collect and secure the publick dues and to render his office more easy to him in this part without intending to put it into his own power to increase his Fees by such his power to Execute, the allowing such Fees is therefore humbly offerr'd as an Aggrievance, And also that Some Sheriffs insist upon a discount of ten p Cent for paying what they owe and refuse to discount debts due from themselves