

U. H. J. in so necessary a Work, nor but that such of our Clergy as conscientiously discharge their Duty which we hope are the Greater number will Contribute their Endeavours to Curb the misbehaviour of men of their own Order whose Actions tend to Overthrow what by the most Sacred Obligations they ought to Support

Signed p Order M. Jenifer Cl. Lo. Ho.

An Engrossed Bill by M^r Sherwood and one more thus intituled An Act for Securing the rights and Inheritances of sundry the Inhabitants within this Province against certain Impositions by pretence of suspected deeds thus Subscribed Viz.

October the 27th 1734

Read and Assented to by the Lower House of Assembly &
Signd p Order M. Jenifer Cl. Lo. Ho.

Which Bill being read is also Assented to by this House

The Report of the Committee of Aggrievances from the Lower House by Col^o Mackal & M^r Crab Viz.

By the Committee of Aggrievances October 22^d 1724

On the many complaints referred this Session to the Examination of your [Committee] concerning the Abuses offered by Sheriffs in their Office We humbly offer our Sence of them in General that they seem to arise from an Uneasiness betwixt the Sheriffs and the People often occasioned by private dislikes of the Person of the Sheriff and often from the Sheriffs discharging his duty according to Law tho' perhaps without shewing them [such] Indulgences as he reasonably might without Infringing it. The particular Complaints that have been referred to us have Appeared to be no otherwise Grounded but we find the Act made in 1723 Entituled An Act Reviving and Continuing an Act Entituled An Act for Limitation of Officers fees and for Supplying some defects therein encourages Several of the Sheriffs to Charge fees for executing Levies and publick dues which was in our humble opinion neither Legal nor in practice before that Act was made And forasmuch as it seems to this Committee that the small advantage of such Execution fee 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
p. 128 of giving the Sheriff the 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 with-