

The Remonstrance of Vachel Denton of the City of Annapolis being read is Ordered to be thus Endorst viz. U. H. J.

By the Upper House of Assembly March the 18th 1725/6

The within Remonstrance being read is recommended to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly

Signed p order Geo Plater Cl Up Ho.

Sent down by Col^o Ward who says he Delivered it.

A Message from the Lower House (with a report of the Committee of Aggrievances) by M^r Benj^a Mackall and M^r Walter Smith which Report and Message is as follows viz.

By the Committee of Aggrievances March the 17th 1725/6

It is represented to your Committee as an Aggrievance that the Inhabitants of this Province are denyd the benefit of the Use of the Publick Records in the Secretarys and Comissarys Offices unlesse they Comply with the Terms propos'd by the Keepers of these Records which as your Committee is Inform'd is not only the payment of larger fees than has at any time been allow'd by Law for many years past but also Insisting upon money for the fees they Claim rateing the Tobacco at Two pence p pound, severall of the Inhabitants haveing been refused their Business on any other Terms which your Committee humbly proposes to the house as a Matter worthy their Consideration and likewise that it may be very proper to Consider what kind of property the severall Officers have in those records whether they have them to keep or to Communicate, or whether they have them to set up as a merchandize at what price they please or whether they have any other right to them or Interest in them save as they are made Trustees thereof for the Use of the publick and whether or no in Case the present Officers refuse to Discharge their Trust upon reasonable Terms it may not be hoped that the Governour will take it into Consideration as Incumbent upon him to Interpose his Authority for the Redress of the Evill Complained of All which is humbly Submitted to the Consideration of the House

Signed p Order Sam^l Hepburn Cl. Com.

By the Upper House of Assembly March the 18th 1725
May it please Your Honours

Our Committee of Aggrievances haveing return'd the report herewith sent we are of Opinion that the Same is worthy of Consideration, and Recomend the same to your Honours and desire to know whether you will be pleased to