

Sent by James Bowles Esq^r

U. H. J.

Read the Report of the Committee of Aggrievances and after due Consideration thereof the Message was prepared Thereon viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly October 30th 1724
Gentlemen.

We have read and considered the Report of your Committee of Aggrievances & are concerned to find that such Misunderstandings & differences arise between the Sheriffs and people of the several counties but as your selves Acknowledge it is almost impracticable by any written Rules to prevent all Inconveniencies of the kind we can only say we wish it in our power so to do and we shall always be ready to contribute our Endeavours by any Reasonable means to Accomplish so Good a Work We Observe that your said Committee propose it as an Expedient for reconciling those differences that the Sheriff be made elective by the Voices of the People but we are much afraid that such a Method would rather Prove A foundation for Confusion and party animosities succeeded by the Oppression of those who appeared not to be of the prevailing Candidates Party than A Remedy against the before mentioned evils Besides the appointing of Sheriffs in the several Counties within this Province has been hitherto thought a Branch of our Proprietarys Prerogative as appears by a Continued practice for many Years past

Signed p Order Samuel Skippon Cl Up Ho.

Sent by Esq^r Rousby

A Message from the Lower House by Col^o Mackall and M^r Crab viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly October 30th 1724
May it please your Honours

We have amended the Bill relieving the Inhabitants of this Province from some difficulties they may lye under in paying their Levies &c^a this Year according to your Message of the 29th Instant except the Adding a Clause to exempt the Sheriffs from any Execution to be served upon them this Year for any Arrears of Publick Dues or Officers fees due for the last Year which we are of opinion is not necessary in regard the Sheriffs are Intituled to the same Indulgences with other Debtors for any debts they owe and we know no Reason to