

By the Lower House of Assembly October the 14<sup>th</sup> 1727 U. H. J.

Read the second time by Especial order and will Pass.

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

Which Bill was read the first time and Ordered to lye on the table.

By the Lower House of Assembly October the 14<sup>th</sup> 1727

May it please your Hon<sup>rs</sup>

We herewith send your Honours the Report of our Committee of Agrievances and Courts of Justice relateing to the ascertaining the form of an Oath of Judge or Justice and a Bill drawn thereon

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

By the Committee of Agrievances and Courts of Justice  
October the 14<sup>th</sup> 1727

This Committee pursuant to the Generall Instructions given them have made diligent Enquiry into the Oath of Office taken by the severall Magistrates within this Province since his Lordships Dissent to the Act of Assembly for ascertaining the oath of Judge or Justice and find that scarce any two Courts have taken the same oath of Office the Magistrates of the severall Courts haveing framed and taken for that Purpose such an Oath as was most agreeable to their own Sentiments.

This Committee further find that severall worthy Persons Commissioned to Act as Magistrates within this Province scruple taking an oath of Office at all there being no Act of Assembly here but that which the Lord Proprietary has been pleased to Dissent to, to ascertain the same, which mu<sup>st</sup> Doubtless render our happy Constitution lyable to Destruction and give the magistrates (if not timely prevented) an opportunity of acting after the most Arbitrary manner, which occasions the greatest Uneasiness to the good people of this Province and is humbly by your Committee submitted as most Worthy the Speedy Consideracon of the House.

Signed p Order Nich: Hammond Cl Com.

Read and ordered to lye on the Table.

A Bill from the lower house by M<sup>r</sup> John Chairs and M<sup>r</sup> William Elliot Entituled An Act for Dividing Saint Pauls parish in Queen Anns County and for Erecting a Parish out of the same thus Endors'd Viz.

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