

L. H. J. and ordered that leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Petitioners releif as Prayed.

The Petition of Thomas Worsley a Languishing Prisoner in the Gaol of Ann Arundell County, Read and rejected.

Coll^o Herman from the Committee of Elections and Priviledges makes the following Report Viz.

By the Committee of Elections and Priviledges, Oct^r 8th 1728

On Inspection into the Indentures of Robert Gordon Esq^r a Member returned to this Assembly to serve for the City of Annapolis we find him duly elected according to Law.

The Inhabitants of the City of Annapolis having Preferred a Petition complaining of the undue Election of Edmund Jennings Esq^r a member returned for the said City we on hearing the Allegations of both Parties thereon do find him duly elected according to Law.

Signed p Order. John Gibson Cl. Com. El.

M^r Robert Gordon to whom the Papers belonging to the Town Lands now in Dispute between the Heirs of Thomas Bardley Esq^r deceased and the Inhabitants of the City of Annapolis were last Sessions delivered brings the same into the House and Lodges them with the Clerk.

p. 36 Coll^o Belt from the Committee of Aggreivances and Courts of Justice delivers to M^r Speaker the following Report (Viz)

By the Committee of Aggreivances. October 8th 1728

Its humbly offered to this Committee as an Aggreivance that the Law entituled an Act for the better Administration of Justice in Testamentary Affairs granting Administrations, Recovery of Legacies securing filial Portions and Distribution of Intestates Estates is in Severall Parts defective as in Particular in one Part of that Law the Justices of the Severall County Courts are required to enquire yearly of the Security given by Guardians for Orphans Estates and if there be just Cause that they require new and better Security and upon refusall to give new and better Security that they remove the Orphans Estates out of their hands, but by that Law there's no Power or Directions given the said Justices how they shall Proceed to enforce their Order when they see Occasion to remove Orphans Estates.

Wherefore for this Defect and Severall others in the said Law being your Committee think it worthy for the House to take the said Law under Consideration.

Signed p Order. N: Hammond Cl. Com.