

the second time and passed and sent to the Upper House by M^r Henry and M^r Weems. L. H. J.
Lib. No. 45

An ingrossed Bill entituled an Act reviving an Act of Assembly entituled an Act for naturalization, read and Assented to, and sent to the Upper House with the paper Bill thereof by M^r Weems and Capt. Caswell Philip Lee Esq^r from the upper House delivers the Petitions of Richard Dalton and Joseph Large languishing Prisoners in Ann^l County Goal, indorsed, referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly, which Petitions were here read and Granted. Vide
Petition of
R. Dalton in
Black Book
No. 6
Letter
No. 52

The House adjourns untill to morrow morning at 9 of the Clock

Saturday Morning May 13th 1738.

May 13

The House met according to Adjournment

M^r Matthews from the Committee of Aggrievances &c^a delivers the following Report

By the Committee of Aggrievances and Courts of Justice May 13th 1728.

Your Committee having received information that some time in April or May in the year 1736 Peter Taylor Esq^r then High Sheriff of Dorchester County having a Co^mon Capias did arrest a certain Thomas Brannock of the same County, that the said Sheriff did constitute the said Thomas Brannock his Bailiff, who acted as such, and continued in the said Condition till Court and was then brought by said Sheriff into Court as his prisoner. That notwithstanding the aforesaid Service done by the said Thomas Brannock for the said Sheriff, He the said Sheriff charged him full Fees, Viz^t Twenty pounds of Tobacco p day, allowing him no Satisfaction for his Services aforesaid.

That the said Thomas Brannock on his Appearance in Dorchester County Court by Francis Allen his Attorney did move to have his Appearance entered, on which Condition He would give Bail Altho the plaintiff had not entituled himself thereto, both which He thought himself entituled to.

To the first (without Bail) because no Cause of Action Did then appear in Court, and to the second because He conceived it to be his right by the Laws of the Land, which right He had not to his Knowledge forfeited, but to his great grievance was refused both : and told by that Court He must come to Tryal immediately, for that M^r Charles Goldsborough the plaintiff was an Officer of that Court and thereby had right to have it so done, by means of which hasty proceedings the aforesaid Thomas Brannock was obliged to Suffer under a Judgment, which was the utmost rigour put into Execution against him. Your Committee do humbly conceive that the Sheriffs pro- p. 764