

M^r Matthews from the Committee of Aggrievances &^c Delivers L. H. J.
M^r Speaker the following Report. Lib. No. 45

By the Committee of Aggrievances and Courts of Justice
May the 9th 1739.

Your Committee having received a Complaint from M^r John Brannock one of the Members of your Honourable House that the said John Brannock gave Bonds payable to Edmund Jenings Esq^r with power to confess Judgment on the said Bonds for fees arising due to the said Edmund Jenings as Secretary of this Province, which Bonds the said Edmund Jenings Remitted to M^r Peter Taylor then Sherriff of Dorchester County to be received.

That the said John Brannock offered to pay the said Taylor and his Deputy John Mackiell the said Several fees due and for which the said Bonds were taken, after which Tender he the said Taylor contrary to all Justice Reason and Law procured Judgments to be rendered on the said Bonds.

That the said John after Rendering the said Judgment also, in like manner made Tender of the said Tobacco.

Notwithstanding which repeated Tenders of him the said John was served with the Executions on the Judgments and his Body detained in Prison to his great Expence and Damage both of his Person and Fortune.

Which Actings and doings your Committee conceive to be a great Aggrievance and abuse to the Rights and Liberty of the Subject. And therefore Humbly Submit the same to this House.

Signed p order of the Committee S. Bordley Clk.

The House Concurs with the Report. Ordered that the Clerk make out Summons's for M^r Peter Taylor and M^r John Mackiel to attend this House on Monday the 21st Instant to answer the Complaint of M^r John Brannock, and Summons's for Francis Watson &c.

The House Adjourned untill the Morrow Morning at nine of the Clock.

Thursday Morning May 10th 1739

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The House met according to Adjournment.

Doct^r Carroll from the Committee of Laws brings in a Bill Entituled an Act for the Benefit of the Poor and Encouragement of Industry, which was read the first time and ordered to lye on the Table.

On Reading the second time the Bill Entituled an Act for continuing an Act of Assembly of this Province Entituled an Act for the Tryal of all matters of fact in the several County's where they have arisen or shall arise. The Question was put whether the said Bill pass or not. Resolved Unanimously in the Negative.