

By the Committee of Aggrievances and Courts of Justices
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L. H. J.
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Your Committee having received a Complaint from James Plummer who was and still is Seized in fee of four hundred and thirty nine Acres of land in Prince Georges County at the Annual Rent of four shillings p Hundred which in the whole amounts unto about the Annual Sum of Seventeen Shillings and seven pence Sterling. That William Diggs Receiver of his Lordships Land rents for Prince Georges County did in the year Seventeen hundred and thirty five Demand and actually Receive from the said Plummer the sum of Seventeen Shillings and nine pence half penny sterling for one years rent of the said four Hundred thirty nine acres which is two pence half penny more than was due or payable from the said Plummer to the said Diggs for his rent. that upon the said Plummer Discovering such over Payment be applyed to the said Diggs to allow the same to the said Plumer whereupon The said Digges promised such over payment should be allowed him his then next years payment. That said Plummer the year following applying to the said Diggs to pay him, the said Digges Years rent then due on the said Land the said Diggs did not only then refuse to allow the said Plummer the said Two pence half penny Sterling as so much over paid the foregoing year, but upon the said Plummers Tendering to the said Digges at the said Digges own house the place by himself appointed the Sum of Seventeen shillings and Seven pence Sterling which was the full amount of the Annual Rent the due for the said Land the said Diggs refused to receive the same and Insisted on the Sum of Seventeen Shillings and nine pence half penny Sterling for such rent, which is two pence half penny Sterling more than was at that time also actually due for the said Land. That the said Plummer refusing to pay the Exorbitant Sum Demanded by the said Digges, He the said Digges did Declare that he would receive the said Plummers Rents but ordered him to go down to S^t Mary's County and pay the same there whereupon the said Plummer Asking who the said Digges had there to receive it he the said Digges answered he the said Plummer might go Look and if he did not go down to St. Marys he the said Digges would Distrain and run him the Plummer to Charge. That the said Digges in pursuance of such his Declaration did accordingly Distrein the goods of the said Plummer, but the said Diggs did Distrein for no more than the Sum of Seventeen shillings and Six pence half penny which Sum is Short of the Sum Actually Tendered by the said Plummer to the said Digges by which Distress so as aforesaid unjustly made, the said Plummer was Burthened with the payment of one hundred and thirty four pounds of Tobacco as officers fees that the said Plummer being also Indebted unto the said Digges as receiver as aforesaid in one half Years rent for the said Land due the twenty fifth Day of March last did Accordingly