

Which bills were severally read the first time and ordered to lye on the Table

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A Bill Entituled an Act for Cutting off an Entail and Investing an Estate of Inheritance in fee simple of and in part of a Tract of Land called Coopers purchase in Thomas Spalding and Katherine his wife and to Entail other Lands lying in S^t Marys County in Leiu thereof. Read the first time and Ordered to lye on the Table. The Report of the Committee of Aggrievances relating to the Complaint made by James Plummer against W^m Diggs the party Complained against being both heard at the barr of this house and Evidences Examined, the partys were ordered to withdraw. the House unanimously Resolved that the facts Complained of were made appear, and that the thing was irregular and Oppressive. Resolved further that M^r Diggs be Called in and that M^r Speaker Acquaint him with the Sense of the House and admonish him to avoid the like actions for the future. M^r Diggs was Called in M^r Speaker give him the following Charge. This House having Considered of the Complaint of James Plummer against you are of opinion that the thing in it Self is irregular and oppressive and that Altho' this person alone is Injured in this Particular, yet the thing in its Consequence may tend to the oppression of the People of this Province, Tennants to the Lord proprietary in General, in as much as you not only may by the same Rule use the same practice to others of whom you are to receive Rents, but that other Receivers of this province from your Example may do the same, you are therefore admonished not to be guilty of the like for the future, and you are ordered to pay the Expence accrued upon this Enquiry. the House adjourned untill 2 of the Clock in the afternoon.

Post Merediem. the house met according to adjournment.

M^r Matthews from the Committee of Aggrievances &c. Delivers M^r Speaker the following Report, Viz.

By the Committee of Aggrievance and Courts of Justice May 17th 1739 Your Committee having received Information that Charles Goldsborough late Clerk of Dorchester County Court did during his Continuance in the said office Contrary to all the rules of Law and Justice, demand and take from Sundry persons in the same County before he would do or Suffer to be done the business of such person in the said County Court, Several Recognisances in the penalty of very large Sums of Money or Tobacco, the Conditions of which said Recognisances were, that the said Cognizers in the said Recognisances mentioned should pay and satisfie unto Each of the Several officers of the said Courts their fee and fees then, at the time of the taking the said Recognisances respectively due, or which thereafter should be due, to the said officers from the said Cognizors in the said Recognisance respectively named.