

An Act to prevent the Injuring Harbours &c. severally Indorsed (See page 240.) L. H. J. Lib. No. 45

Which Bills were here read and passed for Ingrossing.

The House adjourned until two of the Clock in the afternoon

Post Meridiem

The House met again according to Adjournment

M<sup>r</sup> Philip Hammond a member returned for Ann Arundell County appeared

M<sup>r</sup> Benjamin Pearce a Member returned for Cecil County in the Room of M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Johnson dec'd appeared M<sup>r</sup> Denton and M<sup>r</sup> George sent to the Upper House to see them qualified by taking the several Oaths to the Government required by Law by signing the Oath of Abjuration by repeating and signing the Test

Who Return and acquaint M<sup>r</sup> Speaker they saw them qualified

M<sup>r</sup> Mathews from the Committee of Aggrievances delivers M<sup>r</sup> Speaker the following Report

Your Committee Observe that the fees of the several Officers and Ministers of this province their Deputed Ministers, Servants, and Officers are in themselves, as now paid, Excessive, Great and Oppressive to the Subject and that the said Fees are under no Regulation of any law of this province that appears to your Committee

That the said Officers and Ministers their Deputed Ministers, Servants and officers by power of A Proclamation of the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary dated the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 1733 and one order of Council dated the 23<sup>d</sup> day of April 1735 and one other Order of Council dated the 15<sup>th</sup> day of July hereunto annexed, do charge, Levy, Raise, and Receive from his Majestys Subjects of this province such Fees so as aforesaid Burthensom, Great and Oppressive, to the Discouragement, Ruin and undoing of many of his Majestys Liege Subjects, and even the said colour of power is Exceeded by the Unlimited Will, and unbounded Avarice of many of the said Officers Ministers and their Deputies.

Your committee humbly Observe that by the Royal Charter, the Resolves of your honourable House, and the Common Custom of this province, the Subjects here are Entituled to the Customs, Common Law and the Securative Statutes of the Rights and Liberties of the Subjects in our Mother Country Great Britain and by which custom of Great Britain such like Fees of the Courts of Justice and the several Officers have been settled by Acts of Parliament agreeable to which

Your Committee further most humbly Observe that from the Earliest Times since the Settlement of this Province by British Subjects, such Fees have been adjusted and Regulated by Acts of the