

L. H. J. Moidores for more than 25s Each Cut Gold at 2s 9 a penny
 Lib. No. 45 weight and whole pieces of eight at 60 p Cent & Other Spanish
 money at 100 p Cent which said Direction the said Deputy hath so
 well Observed That the People have been forced to let them have
 p. 698 them at those Rates nay one person has Paid him a Pistole weighing
 23/10 for 12/10 which your Committee Apprehends to be Directly
 contrary to His Lordships Instructions and in it selfe a very great
 Aggrievance

It is also further Offered to your Committee as an Aggrievance
 that the Sheriff and Deputy receiver of Baltemore County have
 Exacted from Several Persons Different Quantitys of Tobacco where
 no Distress has been made and Induced some of them to pass their
 Notes for and pay the same by being told by one or Other of them
 that if they Suffered their goods to be destrained it would be more
 Expensive to them and Cost them four or Six hundred pounds of
 Tobacco and that the said Sheriff share the Same between

Thus Have your Committee some few facts and for the Support of
 them and many Others refer to the Depositions and Papers hereunto
 annexed and Submit the whole to the Consideration of the House

Signed p order of the Committee Tho^s Lynn Clerk

And the following Instructions Viz. Gilbert Crockett the Collec-
 tion of the Quit rents for this County being as we perceive very
 Backward and so few People Comeing in to Discharge their Re-
 spective Accounts at this Publick time we are Apprehensive that
 Except some Rigour is used in the Collection it will be Impossible for
 the farmers to Comply with their Engagements to the Right Honour-
 able the Lord Proprietary Since therefore the Backwardness of the
 People makes the following Instructions Absolutely necessary you are
 to pursue them with Vigour and Exactness Impri[mis] all such per-
 sons as do not Come in and Discharge their accounts for Quit rents
 within ten Days after the Date of these Instructions you are Imme-
 diately to proceed against by makeing Distresses or Takeing any
 other Legal Method to recover them as to you shall seem most proper
 according to particular Circumstances and this you are to do without
 favour or Partiality to any person in the County and more Especially
 to begin with the most Considerable that Shall be found Tardy

2^{dly} Notwithstanding the above Limitation of Ten Days you are
 in the mean time left at your Liberty to Distrain or to proceed Other
 ways against all such persons that you have any reason to Suspect and
 where any persons Dispute their accounts or refuse to pay on Such
 pretences as do not appear Reasonable you are to loose no time but
 proceed Immediately to recover against them and bring the matter
 to a Speedy Issue.

3^{dly} Where there appears arrearages to be due on any of the pre-
 ceeding Years you are to receive no part thereof nor any part of the