

L. H. J. Ordered that M^r Henry Hall administer to him the Oath of Office prescribed

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Captain Gordon one of the returned Members for the City of Annapolis appeared in the House

M^r Joshua George a Member returned to serve in this General Assembly for Cecil County appeared in the House

M^r Calder and M^r Pearce sent to the Upper House to see them qualified; they return and acquaint M^r Speaker they saw them qualified by taking the several Oaths to the Government required by Law, by signing the Oath of Abjuration and by repeating and signing the Test.

On Motion of a Member for Leave to bring in a Bill for Trial of all Matters of Fact in the several Counties where they have arisen or shall arise

Leave given and Ordered, that the Committee of Laws prepare and bring in such Bill

Col^o King from the Committee of Laws delivers M^r Speaker a Bill entituled an Act for the Tryal of all matters of Fact in the several Counties where they have arisen or shall arise; Read the first time and Ordered to lie on the Table

The following Resolves Ordered to be Entred, as the Resolves of this House viz;

Resolved by the House, that the Members who are appointed as Members of the Committee of Aggrievances, have likewise the Character of a Committee for Courts of Justice, and that that Character and the Duty of such Committee, be annex'd to the said Committee of Aggrievances as a standing part of their Duty

And that it be an Instruction to the said Committee, as a Committee of Courts of Justice that they observe the Nature of all the Commissions to the several Courts of Judicature within this Province, and that they especially observe any Alterations, that may at any time happen by accidental Omission, or otherwise therein, and particularly relating to such Words therein, as require the several Judges and Justices to Hear, Try and Determine, according to the Laws Statutes Ordinances and reasonable Customs of England, and of this Province, or to such other Words as have relation thereto, and that they shall immediately make Report to the House of any Alteration that shall at any time happen in such Commission, and likewise to have Regard as near as may be wherein they differ from the several Forms of Commissions to the Judges and Justices in England

Likewise Resolved that it be an Instruction to the said Committee to inspect the Form of the Oaths of Office, that have been and now are usually taken by the several Magistrates and that in case the