

Tobacco, in the present Levy of the same County, as appears by the said paper under the hand of the Clerk of the said County and seal thereof. Thereupon required such of the said Justices as were in Town to Attend your Committee; and acquainting them of the Complaint and representation aforesaid, for answer said That what was done Was by Virtue of an Act of Assembly, and Custom of the province in such Cases; and were very desirous to have the matter heard before your Honourable House, that the power given to Magistrates of County Courts by the said Law may be ascertained. Your Committee therefore humbly submit the whole matter to the Consideration of your Honourable House.

L. H. J.  
Liber No. 46  
May 19

Signed per order W<sup>m</sup> Wilkins Ct.

The following Representation was annexed to the report Viz. To The Honourable the Committee of Grievances. The representation of sundry of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of Prince George's County Humbly Sheweth.

That the Justices of Prince George's County Court did, in November Court last, make one order of Court, to levy on the taxable Inhabitants of the said County the sum of 100000 pounds of Tobacco, to be paid at two several Assessments, to repair the Court House of the said County; which Order your petitioners conceive is not warranted by Law, and Apprehend may be of dangerous consequence to the rights and Liberties of your petitioners, and others the Freemen of said County: That in Consequence of said order 51944 pounds of Tobacco has been actually assessed in the levy laid in November Court aforesaid: That your petitioners and others the Inhabitants of the said County, finding themselves Charged with their Several proportions of said Levy, did some time last February give in a Remonstrance to Commissioners appointed by the said Court, to contract with workmen to make the repairs aforesaid; desiring by the said Remonstrance, that the said Commissioners would forbear to agree with any workmen 'till the meeting of the Assembly, to whom your Petitioners purposed to Complain of the order of Court aforesaid; and for sundry other reasons in the said remonstrance mentioned, as in and by the said remonstrance lodged in the Honourable House, will more fully appear. But some time after this, the said Commissioners did Contract to repair rebuild and enlarge, the said Court House; and that the same has been some Time since actually begun all which Transactions have been carried on, under the Colour of an Act of Assembly of this province entitled an Act to enable the Commissioners of County Courts to levy Tobacco to defray the Charges of their respective Countries; which Law, we humbly conceive, gives no such powers or warrants any such proceedings.