L. H. I. October 12

Mr. C. Goldsborough, from the Committee of Laws, delivers to Liber No. 47 Mr. Speaker a Bill, intituled, An Act for the Trial of all Matters of Fact in the several Counties where they have arisen, or shall arise; which was read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

> Mr. Tilghman, from the Committee of Elections and Privileges, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Report; viz.

By the Committee of Elections and Privileges, October 12, 1753.

Your Committee having inspected the Writ directed to the Mayor. Recorder and Aldermen of the City of Annapolis, for electing a Delegate to serve in this present General Assembly, do find, that George Steuart is returned, by the Aldermen aforesaid, as a Delegate for the said City, as by Return on the Writ aforesaid, and Indenture thereunto annexed, may appear; which Return is not signed by the Mayor.

That Alexander Hamilton is returned as a Delegate for the said City, as by an Indenture, and Return thereon, signed by the Mayor of the said City, may appear; which Return is not signed by the Aldermen.

That the said Returns are not signed by the Recorder of the said City.

Your Committee beg Leave to observe, that by the Indentures annex'd to the said Writ, the said George Steuart and Alexander Hamilton are impowered to advise, debate, act, do, and consent to all such Things as by common Consent shall happen to be ordained and enacted, to the Honour and Glory of GOD, the Service of his Majesty, his Lordship, and the Citizens of the City aforesaid: Whereby the Good and Welfare of the Province in general, appears to be excluded from the Care and Attention of the said Delegate; which your Committee find is not only different from the Writ aforesaid, but also, from former Indentures in such Cases made, and as they humbly conceive, disagreeable to the Charter of the said City, by which it is granted that Delegates returned for the said City, shall have full Power, and free Votes, in all and every of our General

p. 273 Assemblies touching or concerning all Matters, or Things, there to be discoursed and handled, as other the Deputies or Delegates of the several and respective Counties formerly have had, now have, or hereafter may have.

Your Committee having also inspected the Writ directed to the Sheriff of Kent County, and Return thereon, for electing a Deputy and Delegate to serve in this General Assembly, do find, that Mr. Abraham Falconar is duly returned as a Delegate for Kent County aforesaid.

All which is submitted to the Consideration of your Honourable House.

Signed per Order, Benjamin Beall, Cl. Com.