

By the Committee of Grievances and Courts of Justice

Feb^{ry} 28th, 1755.

L. H. J.
Liber No. 48
February 28

Upon the Representation of M.^r Henry Wright Crabb, one of the Members of the Hon^{ble} House, that a certain John Rawlings, Gent. one of the Justices of the Peace for Frederick County had under Colour of such his Office caused one Thomas Kelly a Freeholder of the same County, to be taken up for a Soldier and that without any Application to him made by any Officer or Officers thereto authorized by an Act, Entituled An Act for taking and detaining able bodied Men for his Majesty's Service and contrary to the Tenor of the same Act as also, that he the said Rawlings, by his Letter, dated the 23d Day of December last past, directed to Messrs. Lynn, Jones, and Prather, Justices of the same County, hereunto annexed, had granted his Warrant, to William Spiers, against a certain Benjamin Harris, for the Sum of Two Pounds Ten Shillings, when at the same Time, he by the said Letter confesses, there was a greater Sum due to the said Spiers, from the aforesaid Harris: And further, that he the aforesaid John Rawlings, did, on the 4th Day of January last, commit a certain John West, to the Sheriff of the same County, by an illegal Mittimus, a Duplicate of which is hereunto annexed. p. 35

All which Actings of the said Rawlings, your Committee conceive to be contrary to Right and Law; but is humbly submitted to the Consideration of your Honourable House.

Signed per Order, William Wilkins, Clerk.

And the following papers, viz.^t

Mr. Lynn, or Mr. Jones, or Mr. Prather.

Gentlemen,

As I have issued a Warrant against Benjamin Harris, at the Suit of William Spiers, for Two Pounds Ten Shillings, desire that you will not sign up a Judgment against the Plaintiff, for to my Knowledge he has been very ill used by Harris, and I verily believe that Debt to be just, and more if he could bring it under a Warrant.

Am your very humble Servant,


John Rawlings.

December 23, 1754.

Frederick County, ss.

Take into your Custody the Body of John West, junr. and him safe keep in your Goal, till he has given you Security for his Appearance on the Third Tuesday in March, 1755, at Frederick County Court, in the Sum of Twenty Pounds, to answer the Complaint that I shall make against him, fail not at your Peril. Given under my Hand and Seal, this 4th Day of January, 1755.

To Samuel Beall, Esq; Sheriff.

John Rawlings, 

You are to receive the said John West, junr. by the Hands of Luke Bernard, Constable.