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L. H. J. Plaintiff may perhaps not pay it unless Execution issues, though it would seem more probable that he always pays it

Your Committee also find a Charge of Search and short Copy of Judgment upon which Writs of Scire Facias are to be made out, which your Committee are of Opinion is unjust, illegal, and oppressive, and not warranted by the Table of Fees in the Inspection Law; the Clerks of the County Courts, having, by the said Law a full Compensation for making out the said Writ, and resorting to the Record of the Judgment in Order to do it, is a Matter merely incidental to the Performance of this Duty.

Your Committee cannot but look upon the before mentioned Charges as unwarrantable, under the Establishment of Officers Fees within this Province, and oppressive to the good People thereof, but more particularly to those of Charles County aforesaid, and humbly submit the whole to the Consideration of the honorable House

Signed by Order Henry Gassaway C1: Com

Which Report was read and Concurred with.

Mr. E. Tilghman brought in and delivered to M. Speaker the following Report

By the Committee of Grievances and Courts of Justice.

Your Committee beg Leave to Report, that upon Complaint of several of the People of Prince Georges County, of excessive Charges of Fees upon Resurveys of Lands, did inspect several Plots which were laid before them, and were of Opinion, the Fees were charged in a Manner not to be supported by the Table of Fees established by Law, but the Cases being very complicated, and the Application made late in the Session, your Committee thought it would be proper to refer the Matter for full Consideration, to the next Session of Assembly: And as your Committee, from what has appeared to them in the Course of their Enquiries this Session, from the Diversity in the Manner of charging County Clerks, and Surveyors Fees, and from general Report, cannot but be of Opinion, that the Officers of this Province in general, pay too little Regard to the Regulation established by Law, in charging their Fees, humbly submit it to the Consideration of the House, whether it would not be proper for the Members of the respective Counties, to examine in their several Counties, as far as they can, into the Charges made by the several Officers, and bring such Accounts as, to them, may seem exorbitant, to the next Session, for Examination and full Consideration.

Your Committee beg Leave further to Report, that they did inspect several Letters laid before them, from Saint Marys County, relative to some irregular Conduct of a Popish Priest there, but the Letters being long, and the Session drawing near a Conclusion, your Committee were of Opinion, the full Consideration of that Matter also would be well to be referred for a more full Examination than the