

indisposed and therefore having absented himself from the House, the members of the House went up to his Ex<sup>ty</sup> to receive his directions thereupon, who ordered them to repair to the House and make choice of some other Speaker.

Whereupon the Members repaired to the House and chose Mr. Kenelin Chipeldyn Esq<sup>r</sup> for their Speaker, and then went up and presented him to his Ex<sup>ty</sup> who approved of their choice. For which Mr. Speaker and the rest of the Members returned his Ex<sup>ty</sup> their hearty thanks. And then Mr. Speaker and the rest of the Members repaired again to the House, where Mr. Speaker having taken the Chair ordered the House to be called over, and the following Members were absent. (viz. - Col. Hinson, Mr. Trisby, Mr. Hutchins, Capt. Dent, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Robert Smith, Mr. Lora, Mr. Hooper, Mr. Hicks, Colonel Herman and Colonel Goads.

Then read over what was done yesterday.

Major Thomas Smithson Chairman of y<sup>e</sup> Committee of Agrievances presents the following Report.

By the Committee of Agrievances &c.

That whereas the Committee supposed it was the intent of the Assembly held at St. Marks the 21<sup>st</sup> of Sept. 1694. that all Mai<sup>rs</sup> of Shallops and open Sloops trading within this Province should take out but one p<sup>r</sup>mit in a year, which for that year should be sufficient and for that p<sup>r</sup>mit should pay only two Shillings and six pence; Now the said Committee having p<sup>r</sup>used that act do find indeed that such Mai<sup>rs</sup> by that act is only obliged to pay two Shillings and six pence p<sup>r</sup> Annum to y<sup>e</sup> Officer, but do not find that his first p<sup>r</sup>mit is sufficient for him for one year, but that he must take out p<sup>r</sup>mits upon every severall Voyage, or otherwise he is not secure, which being contrary to y<sup>e</sup> design of the House (as this Committee conceives) We report it as an agrievance, and further that though the Mai<sup>r</sup> be changed, yett that one and the same p<sup>r</sup>mit may serve for twelve months if it be the same vessel.

Upon perusal whereof Ordered, that the Committee of Laws inspect the Act for Navall Officers fees and make such provision therein as will answer the Report, and take Care to explain what Security shall be given by Mai<sup>rs</sup> of open vessels upon taking out their p<sup>r</sup>mits, and what fees the Officers granting them shall have therefore, and also impose a penalty upon the Officer exacting more fees than allowed by the said Act.

2. And for the encouragement of all such persons as have built any Shijps or vessels since the Assembly held at St. Marks y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> of Sept. 1694. within this Province, as also for all such persons as shall from