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Irregular proceedings for the Election of the present Delegates  
for the said County.

The Committee of Grievances enter the House and Report  
as followeth.

By the Committee of Grievances December 6<sup>th</sup> 1708.

It is humbly offered as an Aggravance to this Committee that  
whereas it is left to the discretion of the severall Courts within  
this Province to Regulate the severall Attorneys fees practicing  
therein as to them seems meet which is thought of ill consequence to  
the Suitors of the said Courts therefore it is humbly offered by this  
Committee as an Aggravance, to the Honble House of Delegates that  
the same Attorneys fees may be regulated by an Act of Assembly as  
all other Officers fees are as to the Honble House shall seem meet.

Sign'd & order John Beale C<sup>th</sup>

Ordered the Committee of Laws prepare a Bill to Regulate  
Attorneys fees.

The said Committee also Report as follows —

By the Committee of Grievances, December 6<sup>th</sup> 1708.

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2. It's humbly moved by this Committee as an Aggravance that  
whereas since the making the Act of Assembly that gives 20<sup>ff</sup> Cent  
upon protested bills has been found, of ill consequence  
to most of the Inhabitants of this Province, that has had  
occasion to draw Bills, for that most of the Marchants trading  
into and Residing within this Province, to whom such  
Bills is made payable, had rather receive the same back pro-  
tested than payd where they know the drawer to be solvent, for  
Lucre of the said 20<sup>ff</sup> Cent which has been great encouragm<sup>t</sup>  
to the said Marchants rather to deal for money than Tobacco, and  
the Damages of protest being so great has occasioned the Mar-  
chants in England to send back so many protested bills tho' at the  
same time many of them had Effects in their hands to discharge the  
same and also it has been found pernicious by most of the Inhabitants  
of this Province for that the shortness, of time for the payment of  
the said Bills has occasioned the returns of many, all which is  
humbly referred to the Consideration of the House of Delegates.

Sign'd & order John Beale C<sup>th</sup>

Which being read is by the House likewise allowed to be an Aggravance  
and Ordered the Committee of Laws prepare a Bill to lessen the Damages  
on Protested Bills to 10 pounds <sup>ff</sup> Cent and 3 Shillings and six pence