

Province doe refuse to take for their Publick dues good —  
Merchantable Tobacco when tendered them on discount when  
they have orders drawn on them payable to any planter  
for publick dues but on the contrary presses on the poor by ex-  
-cuting their fine Tobacco if they do not comply upon their  
terms saying that it is at their election to pay their claims  
at any part of the County tho' never so inconvenient to the party  
paying.

Which being read and debated in the House It is  
Resolved an Aggravance and Orderd the Comittes of Law  
bring in Bill this Session to relieve that Evil.

Likewise It is represented as an Aggravance to the Inhabi-  
-tants in Gener. that there should be liberty given to any persons to  
hire any Lawyers practicing the Law in any Courts within this  
Province, for any certain Sum of Ann. which gives great Inconveni-  
-ment to the person hiring such Lawyer to bring as many Actions  
as they can in consideration that the fees due to the Lawyer belong  
to himself which perhaps in the year amounts to a considerable  
sum more then what he is to pay the Lawyer, which gives room to  
Judge, that if the said person was to pay a fee in every action he  
would bring the fewer but to be sure he will endeavour whether occa-  
-sion or Not to bring as many actions in the year as will amount  
to the sum that he is to pay his Lawyer which is humbly Offerd  
to the Honble House of Delegates to consider thereof

Signed J. Ford. In Chancery (Ch. Com.)  
Which a foregoing paragraph was read and considered of and It's  
the Opinion of the House it's no Aggravance.

Likewise the Said Comittes Reported to the House as follows vizt. —

By the Comittes of Aggravances Novemb<sup>r</sup>. 2. 1709.  
It is represented as an Aggravance that the Secretary of Maryland  
should claim and assume to himself without any Authority either  
by Law or by his Commission such Arbitrary dispotick power over the  
-verrall Clerks in the prov. and County Courts, and also over the Clerks  
in Chancery, as to turne all or any of them out of their respective Offices  
at his pleasure without being liable to show Cause to the respective Courts  
where such Clerks are Officers for his so doing by which practises has  
not only opportunity of depriving our Sovereigns Lady the Queen of  
her approved servants in those Offices for his mere phantastick and  
imposing upon the Queen and her Subjects such persons to serve in such