

The Petition of Thomas Ollaway brought from the Council by Samuel Young Esq. Praying Allowance for the Loss of his Thumb being one of the Guards Ordered the Committee of Accounts allow him two thousand Pounds of Tobacco this Levy.

Samuel Young Esq. from the Council onto the House and delivers Mr. Speaker Samuel Mochos Petition setting forth he was one of the Guard and lost his Eye Sight by Accident in the Night Praying that the Committee of Accounts allow him two thousand Pounds of Tobacco this Levy.

Major John Inroomans Petition Read and Rejoiced Ordered that Summons issue for Daniel Sherwood Sheriff of Talbot County to attend this House next Session of Assembly to answer the Complaint of the Inhabitants of the said County touching his 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> 1700  
 It is humbly offered as an Aggravation to this Committee that whereas it is left to the Discretion of the several Courts within this Province to regulate the several Attorneys Fees practising therein as to them seems most which is thought of ill consequence to the Suitors of the said Courts therefore it is humbly offered by this Committee as an Aggravation, to the Honourable 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 Honourable House shall seem most

Signed & Order John Beale

Ordered the Committee of Laws prepare a Bill to regulate Attorneys Fees.

The said Committee also report as follow

By the Committee of Grievances December 6<sup>th</sup> 1700  
 2<sup>ndly</sup> It is humbly moved by this Committee as an Aggravation that whereas since the making the Act of Assembly that gives 20% Cont 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 Merchants trading into and residing within this Province to whom such Bills is made payable, had rather receive the same back protested than paid where they know the Drawer to be solvent for fear of the said 20% Cont which has been great Encouragement to the said Merchants rather to deal for Money than Tobacco and the Damages of Protest being so great has occasioned the Merchants in England to send back so many protested Bills that at the same Time many of them had Efforts in their Hands to discharge the same