

poor Debtors disappointed to by her Majesty protesting that let the Assembly make what Laws they please it shall not affect them they having Money and Interest enough at Home to procure a Discharge to any Law that pleases them not all which is in Contempt of this House and the Authority thereof and tends much to the impoverishing the People of this Province and strikes at the altering the Constitution thereof. The Committee humbly refers the House to consider thereof and that the said Law and Grants may answer their Contempt to this House

Signed J. Order
J. Deale (th Com.)

Which was read and debated and it Resolved that the Committee of Laws prepare a Bill to prevent the taking up of Cont or any thing more than what is allowed by Law for the future. The Committee of Aggravances further report

That it is an Aggravance represented to this Committee as an Aggravance that whereas the Lawyers practising the Law in the several Courts within this Province upon the Delivery of a protested Bill of Exchange (where there are several Indorsors) to them by their Clients to be put in Suit for the Recovery of the Debt for which the Bill is drawn together with the Damages of Protest; the Lawyers upon Receipt thereof for Suits to themselves without perhaps any Profit to their Clients immediately issues out writs as well against the Drawer as the several Indorsors and prosecutes them to Judgment if not agreed by which means the Charge against the said Drawer and Indorsor amounts to more than the Debt sued for which if there was but only one sued the Plaintiff might get his Debt as well as suing the whole so long as it is at the Plaintiff's choice to take either the Drawer or any one of the Indorsors as is best able to pay the Debt demanded All which is humbly offered to the Consideration of the Honble House of Delegates to consider thereof

Signed J. Order
J. Deale (th Com.)

Which being read and debated in the House Resolved it is an Aggravance and referred to the Consideration of the next Session of Assembly to remedy the same. The Committee of Laws delivers their Report relating to Blasphemy and some Affairs of our Vint.

By the Committee of Laws Thursday 3. Nov. 1709
In Obedience to the Orders of this House to the Committee appointing them to inspect the Law against Blasphemy and Payment of Criminal Fees & they are of Opinion that such Persons fall under and be subject to the Methods prescribed in the Act for Payment of Fees due from Criminal Persons.

- 2 As to that Part of the said Order relating to Fornication and Adultery (as to a lewd woman) they are of Opinion that after the Admonition given by the Minister or by a Church Warden according to the Tenor of the said Law the continuing to disobey such Admonition sufficiently describes such woman to be a lewd woman
 - 3 And for the last Part of the said Order for the Allowances to Jurors and Evidences the Committee are of Opinion that it is necessary a Bill be brought in to ascertain the same
- Signed J. Order
D. Dulany (th Com.)