

Committee of Laws for the said Amendments.

Mr. Tyler from the Committee of Aggravances delivers to the Speaker the following Report from the Committee of Aggravances which is ordered to be entered as follows viz^s

By the Committee of Aggravances July 2^d 1714
we find in the Journal of the House of October Assembly 1709 that the following Aggravances amongst sundry others were offered viz^s
It was then reported and Resolved by the House as an Aggravance that several Places of Profit within this Province were in the Hands of one Person which Offices would be better officiated and Business better done and sooner dispatch-
ed if the Places were in the Hands of several Persons and be sufficient to maintain them; besides it is great Discouragement to the several Inhabitants of this Province who are well qualified for such Places that Persons less deserving and not qualified according to Law hold Places of Profit and many Times one Person several Offices. Also it was then Reported too and Resolved by the said House as an Aggravance that Places of Trust and Profit (especially the Sheriff's Office had been sold to such Persons as would give most Money or Tobacco for them whereby several Persons have been commissioned that are very incapable and not qualified and of too mean Loyalty and Estate to execute and perform their Duties and Offices and the Inhabitants much thereby aggrieved and oppressed and very slender Security given for performing their Office whereby great Losses had and then were likely to happen to her Majesty's Subjects within this Province. Which were then unanimously Resolved by all the House to be Aggravances and thereupon a Conference was prayed by the House that some Members of her Majesty's Honorable Council might join with some Members of that House to consider of a proper Method to redress them and thereupon a Conference was accordingly appointed who as to the two Aggravances above mentioned Reported as follows viz^s

As to what relates to one Person having several Offices it was the Opinion of the Conference that if any Person held the Chan. Office, the Commisary's Office, Secretary's Office, Sheriff's Office or Clerk of the County Courts Office together with any other Office or Place of Profit it is as an Aggravance: And that the House of Delegates should address the Board to redress it as far as in them lies. And as to that which relates to the Sheriff and others buying of Offices the Conference then agreed it was a great Aggravance and it was then the Opinion of the Conference that for the future the Justice