

Having a Prisoner 24 hours in Custody and finding him better
is too little - therefore it is Recommended that the Sheriff be allowed 20 of
Tob^o & Day for the first Month and ten p^{ts} of Tob^o a Day after - And that
the Sheriff may have fees from Convicted Criminals - but that no such
fee be Charged to the Countys - Recommended that the fees likewise to be
allowed the C^o of the Council in Assembly by this Board on private Bills
be likewise on execution with your C^o fees - The sum of 6000 of Tob^o
is thought sufficient to deter any Officer from extorting fees and the
dissuading of them from executing their Offices for 3 years may be a snare
any honest Officer may happen into even by inadvertency of a Clerk
to fall under - Wherefore we desire the s^d amendments may be made
to the Bill

Signed & Ord. W. Birden & Council

It is thereupon Ordered that the s^d Bill be Comitted to the Comitee of Laws
for the s^d amendments -

M^r Tyler from the Com^{te} of Aggravances - delivers M^r Speaker the s^d
report from the Com^{te} of Aggravances which is Ordered to be Entered
as follows viz

By the Com^{te} of Aggravances July 2^d 1711

We find in the Journall of the House of October Assembly 1709 that the
s^d Aggravances amongst sundry others were offered viz -
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 dispatched if the places were in the hands of several persons
and be sufficient to maintein 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 and Resolved by the said House as an
Aggravance that places of trust & profit (especially the Sheriffs
Office had been sold to such persons as would give most money or Tob^o
for them whereby several persons have been Comissionated that are very
uncapable and not qualified and of too mean Capacity & Estate to execute
and perform their duties and Offices and the Inhabitants much thereby grieved
and oppressed and very slender security given for performing their Offices whe-
reby great losses had and then were likely to happen to her Matys Subjects
within this Province -

Which were then unanimously resolved by all the House to be Aggrava-
and M^r M^r a Conference was prayed by the House that some
Members of her Matys honourable Council might Joyn with some Mem-
bers of that House to Consider of a proper Method to redress them
And thereupon a Conference was accordingly appointed who as to the 2
aggravances above mentioned Reported as follow viz

As to what relates to one person having several Offices - It was the Opinion
of the Conference - That if any person hold the Chan^o Office the Comissary
several Offices Secretaries Office Sheriffs Office or C^o of the County
Courts Office together with any other Office or place of profit it is
an Aggravance