

And that the House of Delegates should address the Council Board  
to redress it as far as in them Lye

And as to that which relates to the Sheriffs & 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 Justices  
of the County Courts in March Court before the Sheriffs time expires  
should nominate 2 or 3 persons for Sheriffs out of which the Gov. &  
Council should appoint one for Sheriff

We further humbly offer to the House that those 2 seem to be the only  
Aggravances amongst all that were then offered that now require redress  
both which we are of opinion are still aggravances to the Province  
And it is further offered as an aggravance to this Com<sup>ty</sup> that for want  
of an effectual Redress of that which relates to the Sheriffs who are as it  
were the seivall Countys Treasurers and on whose Credit and good dem-  
=our depends the Credit and Interest of all those that Act in publick  
Estations as well as of all the other Inhabitants & which therefore Calls for  
a most speedy and effectual Redress - There have happed very great  
Burthens and inconveniencies to many of the Counties in this Province  
And particularly to Ann Arundell County from whom it has been offered  
that the present Sheriff has harmed or made over the profits of his office  
Contrary to the forme of the Statutes of England in such Cases & videt  
that he is slack and very dilatory in payments and refuses to accept  
Notes drawn upon him by those that have publick allowances in his  
hands unless he has a Salary or gratuity for so doing which no other  
Sheriff in Maryland has ever yett been known to scruple and has  
generally made those concerned with him for 500<sup>l</sup> so uneasy in his  
paym<sup>ts</sup> that the price of all publick or County allowances of 500<sup>l</sup> in his  
hands has been much lessened to the great damage of all the Inhabitants  
Especially of the poore Pensioners

That tho' the Act of Assembly limits the Continuances of Sheriffs  
for 3 yeares and no longer yett by such clandestine secret underhand  
practices the same person continues Sheriff in all respects but title for  
many yeares together and by that means continues his uneasiness to  
the People

All which things we find tend very much to the lessening the publick  
Credit and the Esteem of 500<sup>l</sup> and amount to a great Aggravance

And we further humbly offer that those things which have been so  
long time found aggravances & yet remain unredrest cannot be otherwise  
then such now and that therefore some redress ought to be sought for -  
All which foregoing pmisses we refer to the House for their Consider-  
=ration thereof

Signed & Ord<sup>d</sup> by J<sup>o</sup> Beale & Com<sup>tee</sup>

The House Adjourns till to Morrow Morning a Clock  
Saturday Morning 3<sup>d</sup> July 1714

Then the House will again according to adjourn  
And being called over was present as yesterday -  
Then was Read what was Done yesterday  
The Bill for reviving an Act of Assembly of this Province for  
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