

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 aggrievance 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 Rem. to the House that those 2 seem to be the only
Aggrievances amongst all that were then offered that now require Redress
both which we are of opinion are still aggrievances to the Province
And it is further offered as an Aggrievance to this Com^{tee} that for want
of an Effectual Redress of that which relates to the Sheriffs who are as it
were the several 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 Anne 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 provided
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 Job^s so uneasy in his
paym^{ts} that the price of all Publick or Buntty allowances of Job^s 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 limitts 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 Job^s and amount to a great Aggrievance

And we further humbly offer that those things which have been so
long time found aggrievances & 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-
=ation thereof

Signed J^r John Beale & Com^{tee}

The House Adjourns till to Morrow Morning a Clock
Saturday Morning 3^d July 1714

Then the House will again according to adjournment

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