

said Grundy in his Life time and not by him made good was read and referred to the Committee of Laws for their Examination and report thereon
The Petition of Hugh Mathews referred from last Session is referred as above
The report of the Committee of Laws thereon is returned as follows - By the Committee of Deacons
October the 18th 1722 On Enquiry into the allegations contained in the within petition
we find the same sufficiently proved by record signed by Order Vachel Director the Committee
with which the house concurs and advises him to bring in a bill as prayed -
The house Adjourns till to Morrow Morning nine of the Clock

Friday October the 19th 1722 The house meets according to adjournment Yesterdays proceedings are read
On Reading the report of the Committee of Grievances returned on Wednesday last
the first Grievance is rejected - As to the second Grievance relating to American debts
Resolved that the same is an Grievance and that the Act for American debts be amended
Explained - and that the Committee of Laws prepare a bill accordingly - As to the third Grievance
- Since It is the Opinion of this house that the Common Law sufficiently provides against it

John Ward and John Rowby Esq: from the Upper house Deliver the Speaker the bill
for Encouragement of Tillage &c: with the following Message
By the Upper house of Assembly October the 19th 1722

1st On reading your Message of yesterday by Mr: Taylor and seven others and the reasons
referred to in your former Message relating to the bill for Encouragement of Tillage &c:
we are still of Opinion that Officers ought not to be comprehended within that Law
for that their Circumstances are very Different from other Creditors

2nd In regard that the fees of the Secretary Commissary &c: become the maine parts of their provisions
and many of them in very small parcels, so that should they be paid in the Commodities
mentioned in this bill no person would take the trouble to collect them if they might have in for their part

3rd Officers are Oblige to credit all persons who apply to them and have not the Liberty of
choosing who they will credit and where, as other Creditors have and

When such fees are received in small parcels as many of them must necessarily be,
the Officers had better let them go and perish (which they would in a short time) than
be at the Expence of fetching them - And too further Observed that the Short: of the
several Counties, who have the collecting of Officers fees, if they should be Oblige
to take the aforesaid Commodities would be thereby Disabled to make the best use of tobacco and
be Oblige to receive great part of their of tobacco in parcels which would ruin them and
very much prejudice the publick Credit and we cannot think it would be any
Advantage to the poorer sort of people who seldom have more of those Commodities than will
supply their families Occasions, but would rather give Advantage to some dishonest
Persons to Deceit themselves of the Species they are in for procure those Commodities purely to
Disappoint and perplex their Creditors besides the fees of the several Officers are already so reduced
that they are scarce able to support the Officers and we cannot but think it for the
Honour of our Country that they should be handsomely supported in their several Stations
for which reasons and many more that might be alledged we cannot Convent that the bill
should pass

Signed of Order - Samuel Shippen Esq: C^{lerk}

Hereupon Ordered that the Committee of Laws receive or receive the bill

Ordered that the Committee of Laws prepare a bill or Clause of a bill for regulating prosecution
in Criminal Cases 1st An Engrout bill for the relief of Francis Gardewit and John Reed
both of the City of Philadelphia was read and reported and was so Endorsed and sent
to the Upper house by Mr: Edward Wright and Mr: Leonard theyret and say they delivered
A Bill to confirm Lands devised for the use of the Church was read the second time & part
which was so Endorsed and sent to the Upper house by Mr: Taylor and three
other Members - they return and say they delivered it