

other office or place of profit it is as an aggrievance
and that the House of Delegates should address the Councill
Board to redress it as far as in them lyes
and as to that which relates to the Sheriffs in other buying of
offices the Conferees then agreed it was a great aggrievance
and it was then the opinion of the Conferees 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 Governour and Councill should appoint one for
Sheriff

Her further humbly Report 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^o
that for want of an effectual redress of that which relates to the
Sheriffs who are as it were the severall Counties Treasurers and
on whose credit and good demeanour depends the credit and
interest of all those that act in publick Stations, as well as of
all the other inhabitants, and which therefore calls for a most
speedy and effectual redresse

There have happened very great Burthens and inconveniencies
to many of the Counties of this Province, and particularly to
4 in Annesdell County from whom it has been offered that
the present Sheriff has furnished 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 Tobaccos so uneasy in his
payments that the price of all publick or County allowances
of Tobaccos in his hands has been much lessened to the great
damage of all the inhabitants, but especially of the poor Pensioners

That tho the Act of assembly limits the continuances of Sheriffs
for 3 yeares and no longer yett by such clandestine secret
under hands practices the same person continues Sheriffs in
all respects but tiller 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 Tobaccos, and amount to