

defend, to appear and impale to the next Court & in view of the return
of the writ as was designed therefore this House being sensible such
liberty would be of great service to the People and a means to ease
them from unnecessary charges, have amended the bill accordingly
and pray your Hon^r. Concurrence,

Signed by order, Tho: Masonman Ck. Cl. Sec.
Which bill with the Indorsement was sent to the Upper House by Messrs
Wilson, W. Pollard and Capt. Dallabey.

Who return and say they delivered it.
Mr. Stoddart from the Committee of Laws delivered Mr. Speaker
a Bill settling the Government in case of the death or absence of
his Lordships Governour, which was read the first and second
times by Special Order and will pass and be Indorsed.

Sent to the Upper House by Capt. Mackall, Capt. Codd, Capt. Fidd
& Mr. Alexander Traifield.

Who return and say they delivered it.
Mr. Tyler from the Committee of Grievances delivered Mr. Speaker
the following Report. (Vizt.)

By the Committee of Grievances Aug^r 7th 1710.
It is humbly offered to this Committee as an grievance that those
Gent^l. deputed by his Ex^{ty} the Governour to grant lycenses for
Marriages in the several Counties should be allowed to grant lycense
to persons that doe not reside in the County where the lycense is
granted by the Gent^l. deputed wch if not prevented may occasion
unlawful Marriages.

It is further humbly offered to this Committee as an grievance
that any Negroe should be allowed to give evidence upon any
occasion whatsoever ag^t. any person whatsoever, this Committee
being informed that some Negroes have been sworn and admitted
as Evidences.

It is further humbly offered to this Committee as an grievance
that any free Negroe Man or Woman should be allowed to manie
any White Woman or Man unless there be a Law to oblige them to
become slaves and to be sold by the County where the fact should
be committed for the use of the County.

All which foregoing Grievances are humbly referred to
the Consideration of the house.

Signed by order Mr Beale Ck. Cl. Com^r
Mr. Thomas Reynolds high Sherriff of Anne Arundell Countys
Petition complaining of the Insufficiency of the Goal of the said
County was read together with the Indorsement thereon by the Committee
of Grievances which was ordered to be entered as follows (Vizt.)
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