

Mr. Tyler from the Committee of Aggrievances Delivers Mr. Speaker the following Report from that Committee Vizt

By the Committee of Aggrievances June 4th 1717.

It is humbly offered to this Committee as an Aggrievance that Ex^{rs} and Administrators are not confined by any Law of our Country to settle and make up acc^{ts} withⁱⁿ 7th month under pain and a day, nor any Law to force the Ex^{rs} or adm^s to deliver to the heirs a proportionable part of the Ballance of the Testator's Estate till the accounts are fully stated and made up which may not be done in seven years except the Executor or Administrator pleases which is the Greatest abuse as can be done to Orphans.

Therefore it is prayed that an act may pass to force an Ex^r or adm^s to deliver the Orphans upon giving in the first account a proportionable part of what then appears to be due, if the Heir or Heirs be at full age to Demand y^e same provided the heirs give good Security to refund a proportionable part of what Claims shall be justly made appear by the Ex^r or adm^s and y^e no Inj^{ry} shall be brought in Chancery to delay any Orphans of their right there to remain undetermined above two Courts.

It is also further offered to this Committee as an Aggrievance that the Sheriffs of severall Counties doth purchase Ordinary Keepers Jobs in their severall Counties and bears the poor people with Execution which abuses the poor and advances the Sheriffs the which is referred to the House for their Consideration.

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It is also further offered to this Committee as an Aggrievance that the Publick business of this Province of the severall Courts is so long Delayed y^t it is even a discouragement, to the Suitors to seek for their just right being many times for six or seven years depending which forces the Suitors many times to agree their Causes to their great disadvantage; It is therefore prayed that an act may pass to oblige all County Courts to hear and determine all acc^{ns} brought in their severall County Courts with in six months from the time of commencing the said action, and that the Court determine all actions with in twelve months from the time of commencing the said action - And all actions brought in the high Court of Chancery and before the Gov^r and Council to be determined in eighteen months from commencing the said acc^{on} or struck off. Signed for Rich^d Young Jun^r Clerk