

That you shall hold your Courts according to the Acts of Assembly, and the Directions in your Commission. That you shall do and procure the Profit of the Lord Proprietary in all Things, where you may lawfully and reasonably do the same. And that you shall not debar or hinder the Prosecution of Justice; nor take any Gift, Bribe or Fee for delaying or rendering Judgment, but shall behave your self justly, honestly and faithfully, to the best of your knowledge and understanding, so long as you shall continue in the said Office:

*So help you God.*

The same Oath for the County Justices, *Mutatis Mutandis.*

Mr. T. from the Committee of Aggrievances, returns the following Report, *viz.*

By the Committee of Aggrievances.

IT is offered to this Committee, as an Aggrievance, That several Sheriffs make it their Practice to Execute Persons for Tobacco (on pretence of their Dislike thereto) when, in Truth, the Tobacco is really good; and the end of their Executing is only for the sake of Enlarging their Claim by Executing and Imprisonment Fees, or to exact an extravagant Rate in Money for their Debts, as by Certificates produced, and other Credible Informations, appears to this Committee. And it is further offered, That several Sheriffs refuse to Discount Tobacco with those People to whom it is due by their Orders on them, except an Allowance of *Ten per Cent* for discounting the same, be made them. All which is refer'd to the House, for their further Consideration.

*Aggrievance about Sheriffs.*

*Sign'd per Order, N. M. Cl. Com.*

Mr. Attorney General acquaints this House, That he has laid the Oath of a Judge of the Provincial Court before the Upper House, according to the Directions of this House.

*Oath lay'd before the Upper House.*

Col. T. from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker the following Message, *viz.*

By the Upper House of Assembly, October the 16th 1724.

Gentlemen;

THE Governour at the close of the last Sessions of Assembly, having represented to you how ungrateful a thing it must needs be to our Lord Proprietary, after having given up his own private Interest, upon sundry publick Occasions, for the Service and Benefit of this Province, to find his Lower House of Assembly endeavouring to load the Revenue with the unusual Charge of maintaining his Council of State, whose deliberate Advice upon all Emergencies is well known to be absolutely Necessary to the publick Weal of this Province, we hope, therefore, that a reproach so tenderly handed to you may have so good an effect upon the Members of your House, as to convince you of the unreasonableness of denying the usual Allowances to the Council, which we take to be a necessary and very useful part of the Administration, notwithstanding that you refused to make such Allowances, the last Sessions of Assembly, when his Lordship's unbounded Generosity and good Will to this Province, together with the publick Conveniency of a Council of State, as well for the

*Message from the Upper House for Councillors Allowances.*