

Mr. Speaker communicates to this House, his Honour the Governour's Answer to the Address of this House of Yesterday, and is as follows, viz.

Gentlemen,
I Return you my sincere and hearty Thanks for your kind Address, and shall always readily concur in any Thing that can be for the real Good of this Province.

Charles Calvert.

The following Report brought in from the Committee of Aggrievances, viz.

By the Committee of Aggrievances, March 17, 1725.

IT is represented to your Committee as an Aggrievance, That the Inhabitants of this Province, are denyed the Benefit of the Use of the publick Records, in the Secretary's and Commillary's Offices, unless they comply with the Terms proposed by the Keepers of those Records; which as your Committee is informed, is not only the Payment of larger Fees than has at any Time been allowed by Law for many Years past, but also insisting upon Money for the Fees they claim, rating the Tobacco at Two Pence per Pound; several of the Inhabitants having been refused their Business on any other Terms: Which your Committee humbly Proposes to the House as a Matter worthy their Consideration: And likewise, that it may be very proper to consider what kind of Property the several Officers have in those Records, whether they have them to keep, or communicate, or whether they have them to set up as a Merchandize at what Price they please, or whether they have any other Right to them, or Interest in them, save as they are made Trustees thereof, for the Use of the Publick; and whether or no in Case the present Officers refuse to discharge their Trust upon reasonable Terms, it may not be hop'd that the Governour will take it into Consideration, as Incumbent upon him to interpose his Authority, for the Redress of the Evil complained of. All which is humbly submitted to the Consideration of the House.

Sign'd per Order, S. H. C^t. Com^s.

The Report of the Committee of Aggrievances of Yesterday, sent to the Upper House, by Mr. Mackall and Mr. Smith, with the following Message viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly, March 18, 1725.

May it please your Honours,
OUR Committee of Aggrievances having returned the Report herewith sent, we are of Opinion, that the same is worthy of Consideration, and recommend the same to your Honours, and desire to know whether you will be pleased to joyn with us in Addressing his Honour the Governour for the Redress of the Aggrievance complained of.

Sign'd per Order, M. J. C^t. Lo^s. Ho^s.

They return, and say they delivered them.

John