

Col. *Herman*, from the Committee of Elections and Priviledges, makes the following Report, *viz.*

By the Committee of Elections and Priviledges.

On Inspection into the Indentures of *Robert Gordon*, Esq; a Member return'd to this Assembly, to serve for the City of *Annapolis*, we find him duly elected according to Law. The Inhabitants of the City of *Annapolis*, having preferred a Petition, complaining of the undue Election of *Edmund Jennings*, Esq; a Member for the said City, we, on hearing the Allegations of both Parties, thereon, do find him duly Elected according to Law.

Mr. *Robert Gordon* (to whom the Papers belonging to the Town-Lands now in Dispute, between the Heirs of *T. B.* deceased, and the Inhabitants of the City of *Annapolis*, were last Sessions deliver'd) brings the same into the House, and lodges them with the Clerk.

Col. *Belt*, from the Committee of Aggrievances and Courts of Justice, delivers Mr. *Speaker* the following Report, *viz.*

By the Committee of Aggrievances, October 8. 1728.

It is humbly offered by this Committee, as an Aggrievance, That the Law, entituled, *An Act for the better Administration of Justice in Testamentary Affairs, granting Administrations, Recovery of Legacies, securing Filial Portions, and Distribution of Intestates Estates*, is in several Parts defective, as in particular in one Part of that Law, the Justices of the several County-Courts are required to inquire Yearly of the Security given by Guardians for Orphan's Estates; And, if there be any just Cause, that they require new and better Security, and that they remove the Orphans Estates out of their Hands: But by that Law there's no Power or Direction given to the said Justices, how to proceed to inforce their Order, when they see Occasion to remove the Orphans Estates. Wherefore, for this Defect, and several Others, in the said Law being, your Committee think it worthy for the House to take the said Law into Consideration:

The Bill for repealing an Act, entituled, *An Act prohibiting the Importation of Bread, Beer, Flower, &c.* Read the first and second Time, and will pass. The same is sent to the Upper House, by *James Holliday*, Esq; and Mr. *Robins*, who return, and say they deliver'd it.

Order'd, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to better the Staple of Tobacco.

Adjourn'd 'till to Morrow Morning 9 a-Clock.



(*Die Mercurij Octobris 9. 1728.*)

THE House met this Day according to Adjournment. The Petition of *Sarah Whitball*, a languishing Prisoner, in *Anne-Arundel* County, being read, was rejected.

On reading the Petition of *Christopher Bonfield*, a languishing Prisoner of *Calvert* County, praying Leave to bring in a Bill for his Relief, Ordered, That the Consideration thereof be referred to *Friday* next, to the Intent Persons concern'd may have Notice.

The Petition of *John Beale*, of *Charles* County, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, to enable *Daniel Dulany*, Esq; to plead his Cause now depending in the High Court of Appeals, between *John Digges*, Lessee, Appellant, and him as Defendant, without his the said *Dulany's* Qualifying himself as prescribed by the late Act relating to Attornies.

Order'd, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

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