

By the Committee of Aggrievances and Courts of Justice, May 10. 1739.

Y Our Committee having received a Complaint from James Plummer, that he was, and still is, Seised in Fee of Four Hundred and Thirty nine Acres of Land, in Prince George's County, at the Annual Rent of Four Shillings Sterling per Hundred, which in the whole amounts unto about the annual Sum of *Seventeen Shillings and Seven pence Sterling*.

That *William Digges*, Receiver of his Lordship's Land Rents for Prince George's County, did in the Year *Seventeen Hundred and Thirty Five*, Demand, and actually Receive from the said *Plummer*, the Sum of *Seventeen Shillings and nine Pence half-penny Sterling*, for one Year's Rent of the said Four Hundred Thirty nine Acres, which is *two pence half penny* more than was due or payable from the said *Plummer* to the said *Digges* for his Rents.

That upon the said *Plummer's* discovering such over-payment, he applied to the said *Digges* to allow the same to the said *Plummer*, whereupon the said *Digges* promised such over-payment should be allowed him in his then next Year's Payment.

That the said *Plummer* the Year following, applying to the said *Digges*, to pay him the said *Digges* a Year's Rent then due on the said Land, the said *Digges* did not only then refuse to allow the said *Plummer* the said *two pence half penny* Sterlings, as so much over-paid the foregoing Year, but upon the said *Plummer's* tendering to the said *Digges*, at the said *Digges's* own House, the Place by himself appointed, the Sum of *Seventeen Shillings and Seven Pence Sterling*, which was the full amount of the annual Rent then due for the said Land, the said *Digges* refused to receive the same, and insisted on the Sum of *Seventeen Shillings and nine pence half penny* Sterling, for such Rent, which is *two pence half penny* Sterling more than was at that Time also actually due for the said Lands.

That the said *Plummer* refusing to pay the exorbitant Sum demanded by the said *Digges*, he the said *Digges* did declare, that he would not receive the said *Plummer's* Rents, but ordered him to go down to *St. Mary's* County and pay the same there; whereupon the said *Plummer* asking who the said *Digges* had there to receive it, he the said *Digges* answered, he the said *Plummer* might go look, and that if he did not go down to *St. Mary's*, he the said *Digges* would Distrein, and run him the said *Plummer* to Charge.

That the said *Digges*, in pursuance of such his Declaration, did accordingly Distrein the Goods of the said *Plummer*, but the said *Digges* did Distrein for no more than the Sum of *Seventeen Shillings and six pence half penny*, which Sum is short of the Sum actually tendered by the said *Plummer*.