

and expensive Law-Suits, Dispossessing Families of their long continued Tenures, and by Invading Property of the highest Nature.

That in pursuance of such Proclamations, his Lordship has accordingly, by his Attorney-General, filed several Informations in Chancery against diverse his Majesty's Liege Subjects, calling in Question (and with full Design and Intention by his said Lordship or his Chancellor by him appointed to Vacate) such Grants so as aforesaid by him or his Ancestors made, to the intolerable Expence, Charge and Aggrievance of the People, and may in time if not prevented, tend to the utter Subversion of the Landed Estate, or Property of the Good People of this Province, for which they and their Predecessors have honestly paid a full consideration to his Lordship and his Ancestors, and for the Enjoyment of which in Quiet and Security they left their Native Country, risked their Lives against a heathen, mercilels, savage People, the Inclemencies of the Seas, Air, and Intemperature of Climate: But your Committee humbly submit the same to the Consideration of your Honourable House.

Signed *per* Order of the Committee, S. Bordley, Clerk.

On Reading this Report, the Consideration thereof is referred to Saturday Morning.

The Bill entituled, *An explanatory Act to the Act, entituled, An Act for the speedy Trial of Criminals, and ascertaining their Punishments in the County Courts, &c.* Read the Second Time, and will not Pass.

George Plater, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker the following Bill, *Viz.*

An Act for Raising an Annual Revenue for the better Support of his Lordship's Government and Governor within this Province.

WHereas, upon the most serious Consideration of the several Laws heretofore made for Raising and Levying Money, for the Support of the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary his Government, in and over this Province, and Maintenance of his Governor for the Time being, it doth not appear to this present General Assembly, that there is any Law now in Force to raise a sufficient Support for that Purpose, but that from the Twenty Ninth Day of September, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Two, down to this Time, the Sum of Twelve Pence Sterling for every Hogshead of Tobacco, exported out of this Province, hath been Collected and Levied from the Inhabitants thereof, under Colour and Pretext of an Act of Assembly made the Fifth Day of September, Seventeen Hundred and Four, whilst this Government was immediately in the Crown, entituled, *An Act for Settlement of an Annual Revenue on her Majesty's Governor within this Province for the Time being*, on a Supposition, or Misapprehension, that,

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