

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

Of the Lower House of ASSEMBLY.

Tuesday Morning, May 22. 1739.

THE House Met according to Adjournment.

Mr. *Trippe* appeared this Morning.

On full Hearing and Consideration of the Complaint made against Mr. *Peter Taylor* and Mr. *John Mackeil*, by Mr. *John Brannock*, Reported by the Committee of Aggrievances, &c.

Resolved, Nemine Contra Dicente, That it evidently appears to this House, that *Peter Taylor*, late Sheriff of *Dorchester County*, caused Judgments to be entred up in *March Court* in the Year 1735, against Mr. *John Brannock*, a Member of this House, and *Nehemiah Lecompt*, on a Judgment Bond passed by the said Mr. *Brannock*, and the said *Nehemiah Lecompt* as his Surety, to *Edmund Fenings*, Esq; for Secretary's Fees, in the Penalty of Five Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, conditioned for the Payment of all Fees that thereafter should become due to the said *Edmund Fenings*, Esq; as Secretary of *Maryland*, in an Action then Depending in the Provincial Court, the said *Brannock* Plaintiff, against *Henry Hill* Defendant, altho' the said *Brannock* had prepared Tobacco to Pay the said Fees a considerable Time before the said *March Court*, and actually Tendered the same to *John Mackeil* Under Sheriff to the said *Peter Taylor*, he the said *John Mackeil* having the principal Management of the said *Peter Taylor's* Business as Sheriff of said County, which the said *Mackeil* refused to receive; and that by the Instigation of the said *Taylor* and *Mackeil*, Execution was taken out against the said Mr. *Brannock*, upon which he was taken and Arrested, and that at the Time of his being so taken and Arrested he had Tobacco ready to pay the said Fee, and the Charge he was unjustly put to by the Entry of the said Judgment and the awarding Execution thereon, and requested the said Sheriff to receive the same, which the said Sheriff refused to do, and put the said *Brannock* into a loathesome Prison, to the great Hazard of his Health; by all which Proceedings the said Mr. *Brannock* was put to great Cost and Charge, and most grievously Injured and Oppressed, as well in his Liberty as in his Property, contrary to Law, Justice and Humanity.

This House having found upon Examination of the Evidence against
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