

take Care of the Arms, but have often inspected them my self, and can very confidently assure you, that in the main they are taken exceeding good Care of, and are in every Respect in much better Order than they were during the time of the late Armourer; nor can the oldest Member of the Council remember them ever to have been kept in better Order.

But after all I am very sensible that all Arms acquire Rust so fast, and require such frequent Cleaning, that it may be of Service to the Publick, considering the Quantity of Arms we have and expect, to employ one Smith at least constantly in the Cleaning, Brightning, and Polishing of them, which the Armourer, considering his other Services, cannot possibly do out of the Salary of *Forty Pounds* a Year, which is all that the Council have ever thought proper to allow him, out of the small Fund of *Three Pence* per Hogshead for Arms &c. therefore if you think proper to give a further Sum for the taking Care of the Arms, I assure you it shall be very faithfully applied to the purpose intended.

SAM. OGLE.

The Justices of *Prince George's* County, Summoned to appear to make Answer to the Report of the Committee of Aggrievances, &c. Appear at the Bar of the House.

The Reports from the Committee of Aggrievances, were Read: The Justices made their Excuse, and were Ordered to withdraw.

The House, on Consideration, Ordered, That the Justices be called in again, and that Mr. Speaker from the Chair acquaint them with the Sense of the House. The Gentlemen were called in.

Mr. Speaker acquainted them in the following Words:

Gentlemen, *As these are Aggrievances, and concurred with by this House, I am to acquaint you, That it is the Sense of the House, that you be desired to Inspect more carefully into the Laws which Tax his Majesty's Subjects, and not to Assess or Levy any Tax not laid by Law, or which you are not by Law impowred to do; for that not only your selves, but your fellow Subjects suffer, and thereby great and unsufferable Inroads are made on the Right and Liberty of the Subject. As it is presumed you have acted thro' inadvertency in these Cases, you are discharged, paying the Officers their respective Fees; And you are desired by this House to regulate in the next Levy to be laid for your County, the Mistake made in the Allowance to Mr. Murdock.*

*The House Adjourns until the Morrow Morning at 9 of the Clock.*

*Thursday Morning, June 18. 1741.*

THE House met according to Adjournment &c.

Accounts Charged to the Publick by Mr. *John Ross*, Clerk of the Council.