

That Mr. BENJAMIN PEARCE, Mr. NICHOLAS HYLAND, Col. THOMAS COLVILL, and Mr. JOHN GEORGE, Members Returned for Cecil County, are duly Returned.

That Mr. THOMAS SHEREDINE, Col. JOHN HALL, Doctor GEORGE BUCHANAN, and Gen. JOHN PACA, Members Returned for Baltimore County, are duly Returned.

That Col. EDWARD SPRIGG, JOHN ADDISON, Esq; Mr. OSBORN SPRIGG, and Mr. TURNOR WOOTTON, Members Returned for Prince-George's County, are duly Returned.

That Capt. ROBERT GORDON, and Mr. STEPHEN BORDLEY, Members Returned for the City of Annapolis, are duly Returned.

That Mr. THOMAS WILKINSON, Mr. GRUNDY PEMBERTON, Mr. WILLIAM HOPPER, and Mr. THOMAS HAMMOND, Members Returned for Queen-Anne's County, are duly Returned.

That Col. JOHN HENRY, Mr. JOHN PURNELL, Mr. ABRAHAM OUTTEN, and Mr. PARKER SELBY, Members Returned for Worcester County, are duly Returned.

All which your Committee submit to the Consideration of the House.

Signed per Order, THO. JENNINGS, Cl. Com.

Which being Read, the House refers the Consideration thereof till Wednesday next.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee appointed to examine into the Allegations contained in the Petition of John Hussey of Prince-George's County, brings into the House a Deed of Bargain and Sale made and executed between the Petitioner and John Awbrey of Virginia, with a Receipt thereon for the Consideration Money for the Land by the said Deed conveyed, and likewise the Deposition of Thomas and Francis Awbrey, proving the Execution thereof: All which the House taking into their Consideration, the Petition is Granted.

Resolved, That the Governor's Message; in Answer to an Address of this House, concerning Fines, Forfeitures, and Provincial Amerciaments, be taken into Consideration on Monday next.

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

By the Committee of Aggrievances, and Courts of Justice.

YOUR Committee take leave to remember your honourable House, that at a Session of Assembly held at the City of Annapolis, on the first Day of May 1739, a Report was then made by the Committee of Aggrievances and Courts of Justice, dated the 28th Day of the same Month, signifying, that contrary to the Laws, constant Custom, and Right, of his Majesty's Subjects in this Province, the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, and his Council of State, had taken upon them a Power by Proclamations to ascertain the Quantity of Fees to the Officers and Ministers of Courts of Justice; with which Report the House concurred, and to which Proceedings your Committee refer.

Your Committee further represent, that by an Act for the speedy Trial of Criminals, and ascertaining their Punishment in the County Courts, when prosecuted there; and for Payment of Fees due from Criminal Persons; It is Enacted, " That from henceforth no Sheriff, Jaylor, Clerk, Cryer, or other Officer, shall Charge either their own County to which they belong, or the Public, with any Fees for any Criminal committed to the Charge of the said Sheriff or Jaylor, having sufficient Estate in this Province, wherewith to pay the same, or being capable to pay the same by Servitude; but that such Criminals being Discharged by Order and due course of Law, shall pay their own Fees, to the Sheriff, Jaylor, Clerk and Cryer, and other Officers, being such as they may Demand according to Law, either out of his Estate, or by Servitude, or otherwise: And by the same Act it is farther Enacted, " That all Officers Fees due by Law for Criminal Servants, shall be paid by the County where the Fact shall be committed; and that all and every such Criminal Servants for whom the County shall pay the Fees due by Law to such Officers as aforesaid, shall after the end and expiration of their Time of Servitude, to their Master or Mistress, satisfy and pay to the Commissioners of the County, who paid such Fees for them to the Sheriff and other Officers as aforesaid; for the Use of the County, such Sums as they have paid as aforesaid: And the several Commissioners of the several Counties shall and are hereby impowered to make inquisition after all such Servants Criminals, for whom the County hath defrayed the said Fees to the Sheriff and other Officers as aforesaid; and they the said Commissioners, according to their best Discretion, shall cause to be entered Rules for the Servants to make such reasonable Satisfaction to the County, as they shall think fit, and in such manner as they shall find convenient: " By which Act it appears to your Committee, that the Magistrates of the County Courts are not authorized to assess and levy upon the People of the several Counties, any of the said Fees, but what are allowed by Law.

Your Committee humbly conceive, that the Magistrates of the several Counties taking upon themselves to allow in their respective County Levies, the Fees aforesaid not warranted by Law, is contrary to the Power vested in them: And that the Assessing and Levying such illegal Fees, is a Grievance, and that such Oppression tends to alienate the Affections of the People from his Lordship's Government. But is humbly submitted to the Consideration of your House.

Signed per Order, H. DORSEY, Cl. Com.

Which being Read, a Question was put, Whether the House doth concur therewith, or not? Resolved in the Affirmative.