

On Motion of a Member, that a Bill be brought in to raise a Fund for providing Arms and Ammunition for Defence of this Province; Leave is given:

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Laws prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly. Mr. *Goldsborough*, from the Committee of Aggrievances, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Report, *viz.*

By the Committee of Grievances, and Courts, of Justice. *May 19, 1747.*  
**W**HEREAS it is represented to your Committee, that Mr. *James Richards*, an Alien, born out of the King's Allegiance, within the Dominions of *France*, hath been appointed and commissioned Sheriff of *Baltimore* County, altho' the said *Richards* hath not been an Inhabitant, within any of his Majesty's Plantations of *America*, for Seven Years, nor naturalized under the Statute of the 13th of *Geo. II.* entitled, *An Act for Naturalizing such foreign Protestants, and others therein mentioned, as are settled, or shall settle, in any of his Majesty's Colonies in America*, that appears to your Committee; therefore your Committee, humbly conceive, that by the Laws and Statutes of *England*, the said *James Richards*, tho' naturalized by any Act of this Province, is not qualified for such Office, and humbly take Leave to refer your honourable House to the Statute of the 7th and 8th of *WILLIAM III. Chap. 22. Sect. 12.* the 12th and 13th of *WILLIAM III. Chap. 2. Sect. 3.* the 1st *Geo. I. Chap. 4. Sect. 1, and 2.* Your Committee Resolve; that the Appointment of Aliens and Strangers, into Offices of Profit and Trust, in the Courts of Justice, and other Places, in Prejudice to his Majesty's Liege Subjects, his Lordship's Tenants, residing within this Province, is contrary to Law, and an Aggrievance, and contributes to alienate the good Affections of the People, from his Lordship, his good Rule and Government; but is humbly submitted to the Consideration of your honourable House.  
*Signed per Order,* WM. WILKINS, Clerk.

Which Report was read, and referred for Consideration in the Afternoon.

*The House adjourns to Two of the Clock.*

*Post Meridiem.*

The House met according to Adjournment.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Accounts receive no Claim against the Publick, after next Saturday Seven-night.

On Motion of a Member, that a Bill be brought in, for the Regulation of the Staple of Tobacco; Leave is given:

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Laws prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

A Petition of *Charles Carroll*, Esq; praying Leave to bring in a Bill to make valid a Deed of Bargain and Sale, between *Michael Curtis*, and *Sarah* his Wife, of *St. Mary's* County, deceas'd, to *Charles Carroll*, Esq; deceas'd, the Petitioner's Father, was read, and Leave given to bring in a Bill according to Prayer.

The Governor communicated to Mr. Speaker the following Answer, *viz.*

*Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,*  
**I** AM very much obliged to you for your kind Address, and shall be glad of every Opportunity of giving you the clearest Proofs of the Sincerity of my Inclinations, to promote the Happiness and Prosperity of the Province.  
SAM. OGLE.

On Consideration of the Report from the Committee of Aggrievances, relating to Mr. *James Richard*, the House concurs therewith; and *Resolved*, That an Address be prepared to his Excellency; on the subject Matter of the said Report.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Laws, prepare and bring in an Address accordingly.

Major *Sberedine*, Col. *John Henry*, Mr. *John Stoddert*, Mr. *Edward Tilghman*, and Major *Abraham Barnes*, are appointed a Committee of this House, to inspect the Office and Proceedings of the Commissioners or Trustees, for emitting Bills of Credit, established by Act of Assembly.

*Richard*