

Referred to the Committee of Laws to prepare a Bill for
redress thereof Original
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Likewise the committee represent it as an Agrievance, that the S^rrall vestrymen, Justices of the severall Countyes of this province for very slight occasions have been arrested, summoned and compelled to appear att Annapolis to their great Damage and charge, therefore pray remedy for the future.

Resolved that M^r Michael Miller and M^r William Taylard draw up an address to his Ex^{cy} the Gov^r to redress th^t agrievance.

The said Committee further represent that it is a great agrievance to this province, that Severall Attorneys by orders of Council without being Legally convicted of any crime have been dismissed from their practice as attorneys much to the dissatisfaction of the court and country where they practice, and as the Committee is informed. George Plater, W^m Dent and Rob^t Gouldsbrough Esq^r by the names of the Kings Council att Law have signed an opinion under their hands that justifies the s^d orders of Council to the Gen^l dissatisfaction of the Inhabitants of this province, the Government never p^retending to any such power before from the first seating of this province and therefore desire that the house would move his Ex^{cy} the Gov^r that the said opinion signed as aforesaid may be publicly burnt by the Sherriffe of Ann Arundell County. P. 168

Ordered that Thomas Renolds Serj^t att arms Go and take M^r George Plater, M^r William Dent, and M^r Robert Goldsbrough into Custody and bring them before this house.

Who being brought to the barr of the house in custody of the Serj^t att arms and examined why they would p^rsume to give their opinions so contrary to Law in relac^on to the deposing of Attorneys.

M^r Dent says that without due proof of some misdemeanour the house should not conceive ill of them, that he will be very Ingenious and not deny any thing that he ever did, and that he hath always faithfully and honestly behaved himselfe in the Station of his Maty^s Solicitor Gen^l of this Province, and when called by his Ex^{cy} the Gov^r hath faithfully given his opinion to the best of his Judgm^t and apprehension.

Whereupon the said Gentlemen of his Maty^s honble Council are dismissed and ordered to attend the house in the afternoon.

Ordered that Major Walter Smith and M^r Benjamin Hall go to the clarke of the Committee and demand Copies of the Severall proceedings in Council relating to the dismissall of M^r Iames Crauford from being any Attorney.