

By the Committee of Grievances December 6th 1708. L. H. J.

2^{ndly} It's humbly moved by this Committee as an Aggrievance that whereas since the making the Act of Assembly that gives 20 p Cent upon Protested Bills has been found of ill Consequence to most of the Inhabitants of this Province, that has had Occasion to draw Bills, for that most of the Merchants trading into and residing within this Province to whom such Bills is made payable, had rather receive the same back protested than paid where they know the Drawer to be solvent for—— of the said 20 p Cent which has been great Encouragement to the said Merchants rather to deal for Money than Tobacco and the Damages of Protest being so great has occasioned the Merchants in England to send back so many protested Bills tho' at the same Time many of them had Effects in their Hands to Discharge the same. And also it has been found pernicious by most of the Inhabitants of this Province for that the Shortness of Time for the Payment of the said Bills has occasioned the Return of many All which is humbly referred to the Consideration of the House of Delegates p. 179

Signed p Order Jn^o Beale Clk.

Which being read is by the House likewise allowed to be an Aggrievance and Ordered the Committee of Laws prepare a Bill to lessen the Damages on Protested Bills to 10 Pounds p Cent and three Shillings and six Pence Charge of Protest

3^{dly} It's humbly moved to this Committee as an Aggrievance, that whereas for some Time past the several Sheriffs within this Province has taken upon themselves to adjourn the Elections from the most usual Places that has been used for many Years past from Day to Day and from Place to Place contrary to the usual Method heretofore used which is humbly offered by this Committee as an Aggrievance to the Inhabitants of this Province therefore prays the Honble House to take it into Consideration that the same may be redressed as the Honble House as the shall seem meet

Signed p Order Jn^o Beale Clk.

Resolved likewise that it is an Aggrievance

Ordered the Law directing the Manner of electing Delegates &^{ia} be revised

4^{thly} It's humbly offered as an Aggrievance that whereas the several Practitioners in the Provincial Court has made it their Business to procure from the Clerk of the Provincial Court blank Writs to be by them filled up when see fit to the Disturbance of many of the Inhabitants of this Province and the Multiplying of Law Suits which would be prevented if they