

M^r William Cumming admitted & Qualified as Clerk Assistant to this house by takeing the Severall Oaths Appointed by Act of Assembly and the oath of Clerk Assistant and Subscribing The Test. L. H. J.
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The petition of the Inhabitants of Dorchester County complaining of an indue Election in that County was read and referred to the Committee of Elections and priviledges for their Consideration and report.

M^r Speaker Communicates to this House the following Message from his Excellency with the Severall Opinions of Lawyers in Great Britain on the Act for the better Supporting the Magistrates in the Execution of Justice within this Province and for disabling Thomas Macnemara Esq^r to practice the law therein which was read and ordered to be entred as follows viz.

M^r Speaker. I desire you will Acquaint the house the enclosed are the Lawyer's Opinions I mentioned Yesterday which are the Opinions of Council as I am inform'd feed by M^r Macnemara on this Occasion.

The Opinion of S^r Edward Northey on the back of the late Law herewith Sent you Sufficiently (as I think) Justifies my proceeding against M^r Macnemara in the Chancery Court And may be of use to the Severall Courts of this Province.

Jo: Hart

Thomas Macnemara mentioned in the within Act is a Barrister at Law of the Society of Gray's Inn and thô he lived at Annapolis where the Assembly that made the within Law Sat yet he never was called upon or Sumon'd to appear before the Assembly to answer any charge against him But the Act was carried with so much Secrecy that he had no Opportunity of Justifying and defending himself, and althô he by accident had some Intimation of it, And Did thereupon exhibit a Petition praying leave to be heard against the bill yet no order was made upon it but after the Assembly was Prorogued their Clerk returned him his Petition without any answer p. 20

The Generall insinuations contain'd in the preamble are in themselves gorundless and the said Macnemara's greatest Enemies have not been able to prove any undue or unfair practice on him in one Single instance.

Qu^y Whether An Act grounded on Such generall Surmises and carried on in such a manner be not Illegal and Arbitrary & whether the Lord Proprietary ought not in Justice to dissent thereto as being a thing without Precedent and