

Which Bill was here read and with the Amendments passed for
Ingrossing L. H. J.
Lib. No. 45

Col^o Hammond from the Upper House delivers M^r Speaker the Bill Entituled An Act to vest an Estate in Fee simple of and in a Tract of Land called Ropers Neck in Benjamin Howard and to settle other Lands of equal Value in Lieu thereof, Indorsed. (See pages 238 and 241.)

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M^r Mathews from the Committee of Aggrievances &c^a delivers M^r Speaker the following Report

By the Committee of Aggrievances and Courts of Justice
May 28, 1739

Your Committee humbly conceive that his Lordship or his Agent in his name issuing Instructions to his said Lordships Receiver of Land Rents, to take, Levy, and Receive of and from his Majestys liege and Dutiful Subjects, Alienation Fines on all Lands devised, and by Colour of which Instructions and order the said Receivers having Extorted from many his Majestys liege People such Fines was a thing unheard of since the Settlement of this province by British Subjects till within three years last past

Your Committee most humbly Conceive that such Acting is p. 857
Against Law, Custom, Reason, and the express Tenor of the Grants, made by his Lordship and his Ancestors of Lands to the Good People of this province And their predecessors, and which your said Committee conceive to be not only an Innovation, but an Invasion on the rights of the People, and a great Aggrievance and oppression, but the same is humbly Submitted to the Consideration of your Honourable House.

Signed p Order of the Committee S Bordley, Cl

On Reading the Report the House referred the Consideration to the Morrow Morning.

M^r Attorney General Claiming An Account from the publick for several fees that Accrued due on Prosecution of Sundry persons Accused of Murder and House Burning and on the supposed Borders of this Province.

Resolved in the Negative