

L. H. J. cial Court if enlarged would prevent and likewise be more to the Ease of the Suitors of the said Courts. All which is humbly referred by this Committee as an Aggrievance to the Honble House of Delegates and that they will address his Excellency to enlarge the said Commissions
Signed p Order John Beale Cl. Com.

p. 183 Which being read in the House is allowed and the following Address prepared thereupon Viz.

By the House of Delegates December 8th 1708

May it please your Excellency. We humbly beg Leave to acquaint your Excellency that it is reported to this House as an Aggrievance that the Restitution or Limitations of the Commissioners of the County Courts not to hear, try, determine, or give Judgment in any Action for any greater Sum than ten thousand Pounds of Tobacco or fifty Pounds Sterling is the Cause of many Actions being brought to the Provincial Court which might be heard and determined in the County Courts for half the Cost and much sooner come to a Determination to the Advantage of Plaintiff and Defendant therefore humbly desire your Excellency to issue new Commissions to the several Counties empowering the Justices to hear and determine all Actions of what Nature soever excepting Titles of Land or Criminal Cases extending to Life or Member which can be no Prejudice to the Suitors as long as they have Liberty of Appeals or bringing Writs of Error

Signed p Order Rich^d Dallam Cl. Ho. Del.

Sent by M^r Mariatee, M^r Tyler, M^r Covington, M^r Pearce, M^r Crabb and M^r Lee.

The Committee of Aggrievances likewise report that the Com^{ry} General's Fees are so abbreviated by the several Clerks therein concerned that those Persons which are charged with the same cannot understand nothing by Them but just the Sum charged which gives Room to the Officers to charge ignorant People what they please. All which is humbly referred by this Committee to the Honble House of Delegates as an Aggrievance and that you will consider thereof.

Signed p Order John Beale Clk Com.

Read in the House and allowed and ordered henceforth the Clerks make out the Fees in Words at length

Bill settling the Rate of foreign Coins Read the second Time and ordered to be ingrossed