

- L. H. J. one third of the intrinsick Value notwithstanding any Law we can make in the Province wherefore we cannot consent thereto. Signed p Order W Bladen Cl. Co.

M<sup>r</sup> Gale from the Committee of Laws enters the House and delivers M<sup>r</sup> Speaker an Address to her Majesty, and a private Bill in favour of John Hyde and M<sup>rs</sup> Susannah Gandy  
Col<sup>o</sup> Walter Smith from the Committee of Aggrievances enters the House and delivers M<sup>r</sup> Speaker the following Report Viz.

By the Comm. of Aggrievances Decem<sup>r</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1708.

It is humbly offered as an Aggrievance to the Province in General that by Reason of a late Proclamation issuing by the Authority of the Governor and Council whereby all the Attorneys practicing in the several Courts are debarred to plead without first obtaining a Certificate from the Governor and Council of their Allowance thereto which is contrary to the Method heretofore used within this Province and prevents the Courts to admit of any but such as has procured such Certificates as aforesaid which is a great Means to hinder them to do their Duty for fear of getting Displeasure from the Governor and Council and likewise many admitted through Favour whose Merits perhaps if left to the Discretion of the several Courts would not recommend them to such Practice. And it likewise seems a Aggrievance that any Attorney when admitted should be silenced by the said Governor and Council without legally convicted of any Crime to disable him of such Practice. All which is humbly referred by this Committee as an Aggrievance to the Honble House of Delegates, and that they will consider thereof

Signed p Order Jn<sup>o</sup> Beale Clk.

- p. 185 Upon reading the foregoing Report in the House Resolved it's an Aggrievance and that his Excellency be addressed to restore the Power of admitting and suspending Attorneys to the Justices of the several Courts as formerly

It is further offered to the Committee as an Aggrievance That whereas several Merchants trading into this Province through Pretence of having Leave from his Excellency the Governor has kept Stores and disposed of their Commodities out of the Towns against the Form of the late Act of Assembly made to the contrary; and altho' several of them have been presented by the Grand Jurors at the Assizes for the same yet the Attorney-General of this Province, has neglected to proceed thereon which has been great Means of Discourage-