

U. H. J. The Presid^t your Honours assign of Sr Thomas Lawrence's being restored is very foreign & the Constitution of the Courts of Judicature are now quite altered to what they were then

For the Governour as well as the Council immediately after the Revolution were Judges of the Provincial Court

p. 723 Your Honours may remember we two years since complained to you of the like Aggrievances of Persons being Judges in two Courts which your Honours then agreed was such and Concurred with us to Address the Queen that the office of Governour & Keeper of the great Seal in one & the same person was inconsistent by reason Appeals might be from one Court to another & to one and the same Person

Which Aggrievance We Conceive is not so great as one Person being at the same time a member of your honble Board a Judge of the Provincial Court & a Ministerial officer there receiving the whole profitts of the Fees in that Court & under no Obligation or Oath (that we know of) to exercise the office of Deputy Secretary

We have no Intent or Design to retrench her Majesty's royal Prerogative and are Satisfied with what more Justices your Honours please to appoint in the Provincial Court

We have very freely consented to charge ourselves & the People we represent with very great Sums for the Attendance of your Honours in Council which indeed appears to be the greatest Cause of calling us together, tho' we expected & were in great Hopes your Honours would with us Concur to have Eased the People of their Burthens and Aggrievances. But we plainly see no other use made of our House (in the absence of a Governour) than to be Slighted & lead ourselves & our Posterity into very great Inconveniencys

p. 724 We are of opinion and well assured you have now as great power to redress the Aggrievances the people we represent lye under as ever. And if your Honours do not think fit to Exert it, We shall Leave it fairly on our Journals to appear that we have done our Duty & Endeavours and if We cannot remove & have their Aggrievances redressed We are resolved to lay on them no Burthen or oppression by assenting to an Act to tax them with any publick Levy, And therefore desire to return to our Familys

Signed p order of the House of Deleg

2^d Novem^r 1711

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M^r Lee brought up from the House of Delegates the ordiancys to the Justices of Prince Georges County not to continue the Ferry at Mount Calvert