

L. H. J.
Liber No. 46

On Motion of a Member, that a Bill may be brought in, to encourage the making of Hemp and flax within this province and to Repeal all former Acts of Assembly made for that purpose; Leave is given: Ordered, That the Committee of Laws prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

On motion of a Member, that a Bill may be brought in for Issuing Writs of Replevin out of the County Courts of this province, Leave is given. Ordered, That the Committee of Laws prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

On Motion of a Member, that a Bill be brought in to Raise a fund for providing Arms and Ammunition for Defence of this Province, Leave is given: Ordered, That the Committee of Laws prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

M^r Goldsborough, from the Committee of Aggrievances, delivers to M^r Speaker the following Report, viz.

By the Committee of Grievances, and Courts of Justice, May 19. 1747

Whereas it is Represented to your Committee, that M^r James Richards, an alien, Born out of the Kings Allegiance within the Dominions of France, hath been appointed and Commissioned Sheriff of Baltimore County, and the said Richards hath not been an Inhabitant within any of his Majesty's Plantations of America, for seven years, nor Naturalized under the Statute of the 13th of Geo: 2^d entitled, An Act for Naturalizing such foreign Protestants, and others therein mentioned, as are settled, or shall Settle, in any of his Majesty's Colonies in America, that appears to your Committee; therefore your Committee humbly conceive, that by the Laws and Statutes of England, the said James Richards, tho' naturalized by any Act of this province, is not qualified for such Office, and humbly take leave to Refer your Honourable House to the Statute of the 7th and 8th of William 3^d Chap. 22, Sect. 12th the 12th and 13th of William 3^d Chap. 2. Sect 3^d the 1st Geo. 1st Chap. 4 Sect 1, and 2. Your Committee Resolve, that the appointment of Aliens and Strangers, into Offices of profit and Trust, in the Courts of Justice, and other places, in prejudice to his Majesty's Liege Subjects, his Lordships Tenants, residing within this province, is Contrary to Law, and an Aggrievance, and contributes to Alienate the good affections of the people, from his Lordship, his good Rule and Government; but is humbly Submitted to the Consideration of your Honble House. Signed per Order W^m Wilkins, Clerk

Which Report was Read, and Referred for Consideration in the afternoon

The House adjourns to Two of the Clock.