of a Justices of ye Peace by Warrt. under his hand and Seale be referred to the Comittee of Lawes to Make Reporte thereof to the House whether Such Law shall be Enacted.

7. Leave given to bring in a Bill therefore.

Then appointed the Comittee of agrievances.

Major Smithson } Mr. James Saunders and }
Major Emralls. } Capt. Hand Hanson. }

House adjourned till 6 a Clock tomorrow Morning.

Friday May the 28th 169⁶/₇.

House Mett. And it being Moved that Generall Lawes of this Province do want Amendment Referred to the next Assembly to appoint a Standing Comittee to inspect the Same and make their Reporte to the House.

House adjourned untill two of the Clock.

post Meredien House Meete and adjourned till 6 of the Clock to Morrow Morning.

Saturday May the 29th 1697.

House Mett. Absent Major Dent, Maj. Thompson, and Major Barton. The petition of William Sharpe read.

And voted and resolved Nemine Contradicente, that the taking ye pettr. and detaining him after he had purchased his Mattys Writ of Error and Supersedeas upon ye very Judgmt. on which the Execution Issued is illegall and agst. the Course of the Common Law.

Maj. Thomas Smithson Chairman of the Comittee of agrievances presents the following Reporte – Vizt.

That the following agrievances often happens in the Severall Countys (to wit) that the Sheriffes having the lists of publick Officers fees to collect do (although a receipt for the Same produced and Sworne Such Sheriffe) not taking Notice thereof but Execute Severall persons therefore –

Resolved that a bill be brought in for redress thereof.

2 Hyp. That whereas there is a good Law in this Province restraining the County Courts from taking Cognizance of any demand under 200lbs tobo. and the Provincial Court under 1500lbs tobo. yet both these good Lawes are evaded by Such who in any times prosecute Suites of Contention rather than of Necessity wherein although the demand be more than either 200lbs tobo. in ye County Courts or 1500lbs tobo. in ye Provincial, yett upon tryall it appeares the Just Ballance if under 200lbs tobo. in ye County Courts and 1500lbs tobo. in the Provincial Court. That an Act May be made that where the ballance in ye County Courts doth not amount to 200lbs and in the Provincial 1500lbs tobo. that the Party pltf. May be Nonsuited.