

Mr. *Matthews* from the Committee of Aggrievances, &c. delivers Mr. Speaker the following Report :

By the Committee of Aggrievances and Courts of Justice, May 29. 1739.
Your Committee humbly observe, that the several Collectors and Naval Officers within this Province, insist on, and receive, from the respective Persons Trading into the same, for all Entries and Clearing of their Vessels, their several Fees in Gold and Silver, contrary to a Clause in an Act of Assembly entituled, *An Act for Emitting and making Current Ninety Thousand Pounds Current Money of Maryland*, part of which Clause is in the following Words: *And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the said Bills of Credit, shall pass in Payment, Satisfaction, and Discharge, of all Contracts to be made from and after the Publication of this Act, within this Province for Current Money, &c.*

Your Committee likewise humbly observe, that they conceive the said Naval Officers Fees are stated in the Current Money of this Province, if by any Law, by an Act entituled, *A Supplementary Act for limitation of Officers Fees*, as by the said Act in the Printed Body of Laws, Folio 194, relation thereunto being had, may more fully appear.

Your said Committee with great submission most humbly conceive, that by the third Clause of the first mentioned Act, the said Bills of Credit are made equal in value to Proclamation Current Money of *America*; wherefore, and in as much as the Entries and Clearing of all Ships and Vessels, after the said Act for Emitting and making Current Ninety Thousand Pounds, as aforesaid, took Place, have been Contracts within the meaning of the said Act, payable in the said Bills of Credit.

Your Committee therefore most humbly conceive, that the insisting on, and obliging the People Trading into this Province, to Pay, in that Case, in other Specie than is provided for by Law, is destructive to the Credit of the said Currency Emitted on the surest Foundation this Province could afford, and is a great Aggrievance: But is humbly submitted to the Consideration of your Honourable House.

Signed per Order of the Committee, *S. Bordley*, Clerk.

The House Concur therewith.

Dr. Carroll, *Mr. Calder*, *Mr. George*, *Mr. Stoughton*, *Mr. Denton*, and *Mr. Robert Jenckins Henry*, are Appointed by this House to join the Members Appointed by the Upper House, in a Conference relating to an Officers Fee Bill.

Mr. Hynson hath Leave of the House to go Home.

An Ingrossed Bill, entituled, *An Act for the Benefit of the Poor and Encouragement of Industry*: Read and Assented to, and sent to the Upper House by *Mr. Gale* and *Mr. Pearce*.