

depending had so much weight as to put an End to all Disputes & bring about a Passage of the Bill in a form to which the Gentlemen of the Upper House had no Objection, but when the other Bill for Payment of the Militia was taken into Consideration the Gentlemen of the Upper House for several Reasons which they mentioned in a Message thought fit to return it with a negative. I expected to have been furnished by this time with a Copy of the Proceedings of the Upper House at least during the late Session, but no Copy being yet made, I shall in order that you may see what Bills were passed into Laws take the liberty to send you a Gazette that contains the Titles of such Laws which will I flatter myself when I can transmit them be well approved of, but as some of them especially the Inspection Law are pretty long it will I apprehend be some Months before they can be printed. You will see by the Journals when it is in my power to transmit them to you that as the £40000 Act which was made in 1756 & by which the Ordinary Lycence Fines were among other Funds appropriated towards sinking the Bills of Credit then emitted was to expire at the End of the late Session the Lower House thereupon framed a Bill for appropriating the said Fines towards the Establishment & support of a College which seemed to have many Friends in the Upper House also, but was referred to a distant Day for mature Consideration, which Reference was the occasion of some Messages between the two Houses not altogether amicable. Having miscarried in their Attempt to appropriate the Ordinary Lycence Fines to that use, upon my recommending it to the two Houses a few Days before they broke up to make some Provision for the Defence & Security of the Frontier Inhabitants who were then terrified by an Incursion which a Party of Indians had made into a Pennsylvania Settlement contiguous to Frederick County the Gentlemen of the Lower House prepared a Bill for raising & supporting a Company of Men during one year & for continuing & appropriating the Ordinary Lycence Fines during the Term of seven years in order to sink the Money which should be issued for the Support of such Company, but as there was already Surplus Money enough in the Loan Office to defray such an Expence the Gentlemen of the Upper House would not agree to the Appropriating to such use or mortgaging the Ordinary Lycence Fines for so long a Term & so that Bill likewise dropt & of course there is at present no Law for Lycencing or Regulating Ordinaries within this Province, which has not I think been the Case for near twenty years, the Fines having during that Period been always appropriated by some Act or other which had been made for promoting His Majesty's Service. Since I am on this Subject