

by My Lord. if M<sup>r</sup> Lloyd offers to relinquish the Employ prevail with him to keep the office till a person is appointed. If any thing falls in the interim give it to Walter Dulany. the Naval officer of Patuxent Port may be time e<sup>r</sup> vacant, (as to Rec<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> his Lord<sup>p</sup> wil object to him in that) The Examin<sup>rs</sup> office to M<sup>r</sup> Scott joined with clerk of the Council to him has occasioned much coil, duplicity as said to a foreigner, as the adversarys are pleased to style. he & M<sup>r</sup> Ridout have caused very unreasonable Compl<sup>t</sup> & given me much trouble to defend their preferm<sup>t</sup> I hope you & the Up<sup>r</sup> House will not suffer any Bill to pass for the Enrollm<sup>t</sup> of Deeds &c<sup>a</sup> unless specifyed the Alienation Fine to be paid, what is good for the Goose is good for the Gander (tis a Homely proverb But a true one) The Bill of Ordinary Licences &c<sup>a</sup> is or near Expiration his Lord<sup>ps</sup> expects that Bill if Re-enacted some advantage will accrue to him. That right has been so before & is upon Ancient Record in the Province the Power of granting Licences by the L<sup>d</sup> Proprietor Vide in 1664 the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Charles Calvert then Gov<sup>r</sup> did grant Lycences for 3 years in 1674 he Issued his Proclamation thro' the Counties to the several Bailwicks. Vide Message from the Lo. house in 1674 & Vide Acts in 1717. 1723. to 1726 these are Testimonies of his Lord<sup>ps</sup> rights. I expect him home by midsummer. on his arrival I will laye these matters before him & advise to take such measures for the Establishment of his rights & 'tis best to have his Majesty's & his Council determination of & Concern<sup>s</sup> upon enquiry you'l find Gov<sup>r</sup> Ogle rec<sup>d</sup> that on ordinary Lycences. That of the Alienation Fine I apprehend the way for that right is by Law action tryed in the Province, & from thence if his Lord<sup>p</sup> has not Satisfaction to Appeal to his Majesty & his Council. In order thereto, I must desire you'l consider & that you'l furnish me with such necessary Evidences from the Land office as proof to maintain the action, all w<sup>h</sup> Evidences must have Authenticity from the Land office by Signature of the Judges upon Oath belon<sup>s</sup> to that office & the Seal, with Authenticity from you & the provincial Seal; no Action is tryable here but by such Testimonials: and in order thereto it will be proper & best to commence such action & th<sup>t</sup> it be bro<sup>t</sup> to Tryal upon the most Substantial Person & furious adversary ag<sup>t</sup> his Lord<sup>ps</sup> rights, a touch at his pocket & English Air will settle his senses & Quiet him. Justice maintained is Right Law. And in Case w<sup>h</sup> is likely to be con<sup>s</sup> Ordinary Lycences real authenticity of Evidences ought to rest here in hand as the only means to stand Tryal before his Majesty & his Council; as also upon all other matters con<sup>s</sup> the L. H. may at any time by Effronterey & injurious wrongs attempt to Divest the Lord Proprietor,