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next to grant Tavern Lycences & for retailing both Wine & Spirit I should be very glad to know whether your Ldp on that Consideration would make any Alteration in your Instruction & whether if the Assembly does nothing therein I am as your Ldp's Lieut. Governor to charge any Fee & what Fee for such Lycences as may be applied for whether I may refuse Lycence to any Persons who may not be thought orderly & regular in their Lives, & whether I may previously to my granting Lycences to such as shall apply require Security of them for the keeping good Rule & Order in their Houses which in my opinion is very proper to be done, tho it seems some people think I must have the Trouble of granting the Lycences without any Fee or Consideration, & have no Right to refuse a Lycence to any Person who may apply for it however disorderly & reprobate such Person might be. There is I believe a Law in almost every Province but this for Regulating Ordinaries, empowering the Governor to grant & to take a Fee for granting the Lycences, & also to take Bond with Security for keeping good Rule & Order, & methinks it is but reasonable that the same Mode of proceeding should be followed in this province, however I submit the same to your Ldp's better Judgment & shall punctually observe any farther Instruction relative thereto which your Ldp may be pleased to send me. I have communicated to Col^o Lloyd your Ldp's Orders in favour of Solomon Holton, & the Son of the Rev^d M^r Harrison deceased which will be duly performed, & I think your Ldp's Kindness in those Instances well bestowed. As I have under Cover to M^r Calvert transmitted some late Gazettes which have been published in Phila^a your Ldp will see what are the Sentiments of People in the Northern Colonies about the Acts of Parliament lately passed restraining the Trade of & imposing a Tax on the Inhabitants of the Colonies & I have likewise inclosed a Copy of some Resolves that were made by the Virginia Assembly on Occasion of the Stamp Act; Your Ldp will naturally conclude that in this Province People are also much disgusted on the same Account, especially as a Notion had been entertained by many that Maryland was by its Charter particularly exempted from all Impositions except what should be laid by the Assembly, but I flatter myself that their Warmth will soon abate & that there will be no opposition to the Acts being carried into Execution, tho the Lawyers I think in general are most violent in their Out Cries against it. Your Ldp has long ago heard that a Peace is at length finally concluded with all the Indians, which we flatter ourselves will be lasting notwithstanding there is a Rumour that some of the Indians about Detroit are meditating another attack on the Garrison at that Post. As to the