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Journal. Rights & libertyes of all their Ma<sup>ts</sup> good Subjects And again brought before this Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly now Sitting, whoe not w<sup>th</sup> out good Advice & great deliberation haue duely considered all the said proceedings ag<sup>t</sup> the s<sup>d</sup> Sr Thomas Laurence And Doe find in the same much more of malice then matter And that the whole proceedings were both Arbitrary & illegall, Whereupon this house think themselves as they are in duty bound to doe Equall Right to all their Ma<sup>ts</sup> good & faithfull Subjects, soe they are oblidedged to give a True Carracter of the said Sr Thomas Laurence whoe in every Circumstance appears to be a protestant, a Loyall Subject to their Ma<sup>ts</sup> of great & good Service to the Countrey & both liberall & Generous in promoteing & Contributeing to what may tend to the good & wellfare of the publick, And for his peaceable & pious Inclinaçōn his sincerity & Integrity of life This house is of opinion that for the Hono<sup>rs</sup> of their Maj<sup>ties</sup> & the benefitt & Safety of the Subjects in Gen<sup>l</sup> to Impower & Employ the said Sr Thomas to Assist in the Managem<sup>t</sup> of some particular affaires wherein their most Sacred Ma<sup>ts</sup> gracious grant & favour is hoped for To w<sup>ch</sup> End & purpose wee most humbly pray his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> Coll ffrancis Nicholson Govern<sup>r</sup> to give his Consent & Approbation therein.

Signed p Ord<sup>r</sup>  
C Lomax Clk Assembly.

p. 73 His Hono<sup>r</sup> Sr Thomas Laurence does say that he is highly Oblidedged to the house for the good Opinion they are pleased to conceive of him & w<sup>th</sup> all humbly Represents to the Board that severall Matters of Considerable Moment relateing to his owne Affaires calls for his imēdiate Repaire into England, hoping for the permission & Leave of his Ex<sup>ncie</sup> & this Hono<sup>ble</sup> Council for his goeing, which if granted he shall be ready to doe all Services that the Countrey shall thinke fit to Comitt to his care & Managem<sup>t</sup> in England according to the best of his Abillity and that dureing his Absence he will leave a sufficient Deputy behind him to Execute that Trust their Ma<sup>ts</sup> have here roposed in him.

Then Read the opinion of the House about Bulke Tob<sup>o</sup> as follows, viz<sup>t</sup>

By the Burgesses of Assembly Septem<sup>r</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 1694.

Upon Reading the Queens Lett<sup>r</sup> Concerning bulkt tobacco upon Consideration thereof The House doth conceive that to make an Act prohibiteing the same will be a very great Diminution to their Maj<sup>ts</sup> Revenues And allsoe an Impoverish-