

Original noone, but I know not by what Authority Since you haue  
Journal. neither asked his Ex<sup>ncys</sup> Leauē nor haue his ord<sup>r</sup> for soe doing:  
I am of Oppinion thō the Gentlemen of his Maj<sup>ties</sup> Hono<sup>ble</sup>  
Councill in Assembly haue their Rights and priuiledges as  
well as the Gentlemen of the House of Delegates, and are to  
giue answers in their places; howeuer to shew you how ready  
I am to giue you Satisfaction in your Demand, I haue sent  
my Cl. w<sup>th</sup> the Kings Ord<sup>r</sup> for your p<sup>us</sup>all and doe acquaint  
you I haue taken As Yett noe ffees at all relating to pattents  
Sauing the ffee for records to Such as M<sup>r</sup> Carroll Sent me,  
and which I returned to him again which I am Informed I  
haue the Sole Right to take and detaine since I am only  
Comāded by his Maj<sup>ty</sup> to record them, If M<sup>r</sup> Carroll take the  
Same ffee of an 120<sup>l</sup> for Entering the pattents, Lett him  
Answer for what Law he does it for, I haue no part of It This  
is S<sup>r</sup> what I haue to Offer you from

Your Humble Servant

Thomas Lawrence

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By the house of Delegates.

Resolved that the Cl. of this house giue notice to the  
hon<sup>ble</sup> S<sup>r</sup> Thomas Lawrence Bar<sup>t</sup> his Maj<sup>ties</sup> Secretary of this  
Province and to M<sup>r</sup> Charles Carroll Cl. of his Lordsp<sup>s</sup> Land  
Office to Attend the House on ffryday fn the Affternoone in  
ord<sup>r</sup> to Satisfie them how they both demand the full ffees for  
Pattents.

Signed p Ord<sup>r</sup>

W Bladen Cl Dom Del.

March the 25 1698.

The Councill againe Sate and were present as Yesterday  
Brought from the house of Delegates by M<sup>r</sup> Benjamen Hall  
and other Members the following Messages

By the House of Delegates March the 25, 1698.

This House haue againe taken into Consideracōn the  
Matter of the Piscattaway Indians, and doe think it soe  
Inconsid<sup>ble</sup> that they doe not much regarde whether any  
Message be Sent to them or not, or whether they doe come  
in or Stay out. Yett if your Ex<sup>ncy</sup> thinks fitt to send to S<sup>r</sup>  
Edmond Andross his Maj<sup>ties</sup> Govern<sup>r</sup> of Virginia to haue leauē  
to send through his Govern<sup>mt</sup> to them, We Leauē the Same  
to your Ex<sup>ncys</sup> better Judgment.