

Original Journal. p. 31 2^{dly} Wee find in the year 1678 An Act made Intituled An Act for Regulating of Ordinarys & Limitting the Number of them within this Province.

wherein the then Assembly for Advancing the Revenue of the Lord Proprietary did give to his said Lordship for every ordinary Lycense in Saint Marys City 2000 pounds Tobacco and in the Countys twelve hundred pounds of Tobacco Which we presume is the first Act of Assembly that gives any Fine for Ordinary Lycenses which was to Continue but for three years.

By Vertue of which Act wee conceive (upon some Discourse had with Colonell Henry Darnall) That the Lord Proprietary out of his Especiall Favour to his Secretarys (they being his Relations) Did give & grant the Profitts Arising from the Ordinary Lycenses by Vertue of that Act to them. But we find no Act of Assembly for Settling the Same on the Secretary during his Lordships Government.

p. 32 3^{dly} We find in the year 1692 that the then Assembly taking the Profitts arising from Ordinary Lycenses to be noe branch of the Secretarys Office, Did by an Act made the same year give to then Governour Copley for every Lycense to keep Ordinary at Saint Marys two thousand pounds of Tobacco & in the Countys twelve hundred pounds of Tobacco Which Act was to Continue but three years S^r Thomas Laurence being then Secretary of Maryland Who upon passing of that Act & another of the same Sessions Entituld An Act for settling Naval Officers Fees within this Province did go to England & Petition'd his then Majesty King William the third that the said Bills might not pass the Royall Assent under pretence that the same were perquisites belonging to the Secretarys Office.

That upon the said S^r Thomas Laurences Petition the said Act for Navall Officers Fees was Disassented to and ordered to remaine as a Perquisite to the Secretarys Office. But as to Ordinary Lycenses we do not find any order from the King or p. 33 Council that it should or ought to be a Perquisite of the Secretarys Office Whereby We Conceive that his Majesty & Council were of opinion that it was in the power of the Assembly to give such Profits arising from Ordinary Lycenses to whom they pleasd

4^{thly} That true it is The Assembly by an Act made in the time of Governour Nicholson did give the profitts arising from Ordinary Lycenses to the Secretary Which we take to be the first Act of Assembly that ever settled the same on the Secretary or made it a Perquisite of his Office Which Act was but temporary & expired in three years. And altho the Assembly did afterwards by other Acts Continue the Same to the Secre-