

Proof but by an Exchange for Naval Officers Fees; we do with more Likelihood believe and are credibly informed that by Command from Cecilius Lord Baltimore to his Son the now Lord Proprietary the ffine for Ordinary Licenses was given to his Kinsman William Calvert Esq. for his better Support without mentioning of such Exchange. We find also that in the 1672, and how long before we know not the said present Lord Baltimore kept the Benefit of those Licenses to himself and doubtless kept them so all the Time of Secry Sewell, till William Calvert Esqr his Kinsman was made Secretary; which shews 'twas done in Respect of Relations only, for such Ordinary Licenses have no Affinity to the Offices nor does he put Pen to Paper for them

L. H. J.
Lib. 41.

To the second Paragraph of the third where Sir Thomas says it's strange and untrue that the House of Delegates affirm that they do not find any Orders from the King and Council that the Ordinary Licenses should be a Perquisite of the Secretary's Office We find only an Order of Council in General 2nd of March 1692/3 That Sir Thomas Lawrence should enjoy the full Benefit of his Office of Secretary of Maryland according to Patent &^{ta} and the Act for regulating Ordinaries which gave the License to the Governor was set aside, but nothing more concluding the said License to be his Perquisite. p. 238

And whereas he says his late Majesty by disallowing the said Act did manifestly declare he was of Opinion that it was not in the Power of the Assembly to give the Profits of the Licenses to whom they pleased that is but an Arbitrary Assertion We utterly deny his Conclusion and say that the Assembly having never since the Revolution disposed of them but by Temporary Laws for a Time did always claim a Power that they should not be disposed of without Assent of the Assembly.

To the fourth in which he says upon the said Order of March 1692/3 being brought into Maryland the latter End of the Year 1693 the next Assembly in the same year under Governor Nicholson by an Act pursuant to the said Order did settle those Licenses upon the Secretary for the Time being from three Years to three Years &^{ta}

True it is the Assembly 1694 in the Time of Gov. Nicholson did give the Profit of said Licenses to Sir Thomas which is the first Law that ever gave such Fines to the Secretary which said Act was Temporary and expired in three years and altho' the Assembly did afterwards by other Acts continue the same longer to the Secretary yet it was always by Temporary Laws thereby reserving to themselves the Power of disposing of it as to them should seem meet