

L. H. J. And the Address relating to Ordinary Licenses Read and
 Lib. 41. approved of and Ord^d it be signed by the whole House

Bill reviving the Act for the Militia &^{ta} Read again with Amendments & does pass

Col^o Whittington and Col^o Greenberry enters the House and delivers M^r Speaker the following Message

By the Council in Assembly Nov^r 9th 1709

Gent. Believing your House to have many Things before you of Consequence and little Time to spare this Session drawing towards an End, and we being obliged to give our Reasons to the Right Honble the Lords of Trade and Plant^a for passing the Law requiring the Lord Baltimore's Agents to &^{ca} and have assigned our Reasons and have communicate them to you for your Approbation and if you think necessary to add any further to them

Signed p Order W. Bladen Cl. Co.

Reasons for passing the Act requiring the Lord Baltimore's Agents to certify into the Secretary's Office the Instructions and Conditions of Plantation with the Fees by them demanded to qualify themselves according to Law.

1 That for Want of a due Knowledge of the several Alterations of the Conditions of Plantations made by the Lord Proprietary from Time to Time his Lordship's Agents having forborn for many Years to publish and record the said Conditions which formerly were wont to be no Man is certain upon
 p. 249. what Terms he holds any new Grants from him.

2 And for want of Due Notice of the Fees taken by his Agents and under Officers we are liable to pay any Fees by them demanded at their Pleasure as has been manifestly shewn to the Assembly at the Time of passing the Law to the great Aggrievance of her Majesty's Subjects here and obstructing many Settlements of the Soil in Prejudice of her Majesty's Revenue

3 Many Abuses being complained of to the Assembly done by the several Deputy Surveyors under the Lord Baltimore they thought it expedient to prevent the same for the future that no one should act in that Station that would not qualifie themselves as by the Law directed, the said Deputy Surveyors being Officers acting between the Lord Propy and her Majesty's Subjects who ought to administer Right between his Ldp and the People from whom they receive their Wages or Fees in measuring the Land they purchase from his Ldp the Soil of this Province being not only granted to his Ldp's