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Thursday May the 19th 1715

The Honble his Majesty's Council in Assembly Sate
Present

His Excellency the Governour

The Honble	{	Col Edward Lloyd	L ^t Col Young
		Col W ^m Holland	Col Addison
		Col W ^m Coursey	John Hall Esq ^r
		Col Tho ^s Ennalls	L ^t Col Rich ^d Tilghman
		Col Greenfield	Philemon Lloyd Esq ^r

p. 77 His Excellency acquaints the members of his Majestys Council that on his Coming for this Province he found S^r Tho^s Lawrence her late Majesty's Secretary of this Province on the one hand insisting that the Fines for Ordinary Licences were in the Secretary and Col Blakiston Agent for this Province on the other Contending that It was in the Country Whereupon he had applyed to the Lord Baltimore to be informed of that Matter who had acquainted him that he had formerly granted the Benefitt of those Fines to one of his Relations who was his Secre^y but not as Secretary but purely as his Relation And that if ever he had the Government again He should reassume those Fines. Whereupon his Excellency had very good reason to believe the Right of them was in the Crown, And had then acquainted the then Secretary of State and Commissioners of Trade thereof whom He found readily disposed to give directions about those fines; but least the Country to which He was then a Stranger should think he had surprised them by an Order in his Favour, He had forbore to desire any such order, being willing to transact this Affair in the Country

But now insists upon it that these Fines are in the Crown And thinks it his Duty to Assert its Right thereto and therefore thinks it Advisable the Assembly should be made Sensible thereof, And that It be recommended to them to ascertain by a Law what the Fines of those Licences shall be for that if the Country will advance any thing in proportion towards Building an House for his Majestys Governour He should be willing during his Government here they should be applyed to that use

p. 78 And M^r Secretary Lloyd being present at the Board is asked by his Excellency what he has to say in Objection thereto Who makes answer That he always thought those Licences were in the Crown but taking notice S^r Tho^s Lawrence had Claimed them by some Words in his Pattent He was willing likewise to lay Claim thereto