

And thereupon It was Ordered that the following message U. H. J. be sent to the Delegates viz.

By his Excell<sup>cy</sup> the Governour & Council in Assembly  
May the 19th 1715

His Excellency on his coming for this Province having taken notice that S<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Lawrence her late Majesty's Secretary of this Province on the one Hand insisted that the Fines for Ordinary Licences were in the Secretary, & Col Blakiston Agent for this Province on the other contended that they were in the Country He thereupon applyed to his Lordship the Lord Baltimore to be informed of that Affair And his Lordship was pleased to acquaint him that He had formerly granted the Benefitt of those Fines to one of his Relations who was his Secretary but not as Secretary only but purely as his Relation and that if ever he had the Government again he would reassume those Fines And thereupon his Excellency having very good Reason to believe the Right of them was in the Crown as in all Other his Majesty's Governments in America acquainted the R<sup>t</sup> Honble the then Secretary of State and Lords Commissioners of Trade thereof Whom he found readily disposed to give directions about these Fines But least the Country to which He was then a Stranger should have the least Reason to think he had any ways surprized them he forbore to desire any such order being willing to transact this Affair in the Country but now insists upon It that those Fines are in the Crown and thinks it his Duty to assert its Right thereto p. 79

Wherefore We think fit to acquaint you thereof & recommend to you to ascertain by a Law what the Fines of those Licences shall be His Excellency being pleased to declare that if the Country shall think fit to advance two Thirds in Proportion towards Building of an House for his Majesty's Governour He will be willing during the Time of his Government here they should be applyed to that use until such House is built

Signed p order W Bladen Cl Coun.

Sent by Col Young and Col Addison

Maj<sup>r</sup> Ward & three more brought up the following Message. Viz

By the House of Delegates  
May the 19<sup>th</sup> 1715

May It please your Excellency and Honours

Having considered & debated your Message by L<sup>t</sup> Col Young & Col Addison about the Fines on Ordinary Licences