

U. H. J. By his Excellency the Governour & Council in Assembly
May the 25th 1715

On reflection upon your message by Major Ward and three Other of your members on the 19th Inst^t relating to the Fines on Ordinary Licences wherein you seem to insist that the Right to those Fines is in the Country, His Excellency acquaints you he is obliged to assert his Majesty's Right thereto, as It is in all other his Governments in America And therefore desires to know by what Right you claim them that He may advise thereupon

Signed p order W Bladen Cl Coun.

Sent by Col Coursey

L^t Col Herman & three more brought up the following Engrossed Bills Viz.

A Bill for quieting Possessions Enrolling Conveyances & Securing the Estates of Purchasers

A Bill directing the manner of Electing & Summoning Delegates

A Bill for the appointment of Constables & what relates to their office & ascertaining what persons are taxable. A Bill prohibiting all Masters of Ships or Vessels or any other persons from transporting or conveying away any person or persons out of this Province without passes

And a Bill relating to the Standard of English Weights and measures which said Engrossed Bills were all of them Subscribed

Read & assented to by the House of Delegates and being again read at this Board were assented to by his Majesty's honble Council And being again Subscribed the honble L^t Col Young was sent to acquaint the Delegates thereof

A Bill for vesting in the Rectors Governours & Visitors of Free schools & their Successours for ever a certain Lott of Land in the City of Annapolis & an House thereon Erected commondly called the Kentish House and empowering the s^d Rectors & Visitors more easily to transact the Business of the said Free schools Was Read by especial order at the Board the second time And being so Endorsed was Sent to the Delegates by L^t Col Tilghman

The Board adjourned for two Hours

Post Meridiem

The Honble his Majesty's Council Sate Present as in the morning with the Addition of Col Holland