

U. H. J. A Supplementary bill to the Act for the better Administration of Justice in Testamentary Affaires

His Excellency Offers to this House that for three years past very few Patents have Passed in my Lords Office, That the first Occasion of it was that while M^r Carroll had that Office he Refused to Pass any Patents but what were Tested (our Trusty & well beloved Charles Carroll Esq^r) notwithstanding his Excellency was Comissioned by their Lordships to be Keeper of their Great Seale, That upon his Desiring M^r Carroll to Explain himself, M^r Carroll then sayd half the Fees of the Seales was his Right, And that unless his Excellency wou'd give him half the Fees, he wou'd not Suffer any Patents to Come forth from him, And as very few Patents have Passed since that Time, His Excellency takes it to be a very great wrong to the Lord Baltemore's Office And Injurious to the psons who had a Right to those Patents And had Paid a Consideration for them, and Prejudiciall to the Keeper of the Great Seale And the Secretary in this Province. All which his Excell^{cy} thinks his Duty to lay before this Hon^{ble} House for their Consideration upon it.

The Question is put whether it is an Aggrievance or not.

Resolved In the Affirmative. And Prayed by this house that his Excy will lay before them what he thinks Proper on this Occasion that it may be Represented to the Lower House as an Aggrievance

The House Adjourns till Afternoon

Post Meridiem

The House meet according to Adjournm^t

Present as before noon

p. 83 Col John Mackall & two others from the lower house with the foll^o message.

By the Lower House of Assembly

May 3^d 1718.

May It Please your Honours

We have Read the Report of the Conferrees Appointed to Consult on the Clergy's Representation And agree with them in Opinion that the putting the Ecclesiasticall Laws in force here wou'd be altogether Impracticable and therefore referr the Consideration thereof to Your Honours

Signed p order Mic Jenifer Cl. Lo. Ho.