

- L. H. J. They return and say they delivered it
p. 64 Esq^r Hall from the upper House delivers M^r Speaker the following Message viz:

By the upper house of Assembly May 5th 1718.
Gent.

His Excy having offered to this House th^t for three years last past very few Patents have issued out of his L^{pps} Land Office and that the Occasion thereof was that M^r Charles Carroll would not pass any Patents [but] what bore Teste our trusty and well beloved Charles Carroll Esq^r his L^{pps} Chief Agent of our Land Affairs; which being highly Derogatory to the Office of Keeper of the great Seale of this Province His Excy did not think Advisable to consent thereunto M^r Carroll also refused to issue out any patents unless he might have one half of the fees of the Seale notwithstanding that the Seale was by their L^{pps} Especiall Order taken out of his hands and lodged with the Governour and Keeper thereof by which means very few patents have issued out of the Office since that Time to the Manifest Prejudice of many the good People of this province. who as We have been informed has long since paid the fees of the said Patents; We therefore recomend this matter together wth the inclosed Certificate to the Consideracōn of your House as a Publick Aggrievance of the whole province.

Signed p Order Jn^o Beard Cl. up. ho.

In Answer to which the following Message was Prepar'd viz.

By the lower House of Assembly May the 5th 1718.
May it please yo^r Honours

p. 65 In answer to your Message of this day by Esq^r Hall; as to M^r Carroll's insisting on the Patents issuing forth in the Style therein menconed We agree in Opinion that the same is highly derogatory to the Office of Keeper of the great Seale and likewise that his refusing and delaying to issue the Patents where the People had taken the Proper Methods towards the obtaining them unless he was to be paid the one half of the fees of the Seale is a manifest Prejudice as well to my Lord in the discouraging the Cultivacon of his Lands as to the People in hindring them from making their proper Improvements, and observe that if M^r Carroll has recēd the fees where he has not made out the patents the people may have their Remedy ag^t him in Coi^mon Law.

Signed p Order M: Jenifer Cl: lo ho: