

remains, as I am informed upwards of three hundred Patents L. H. J. which are not yet Sealed, Thô the persons to whom those patents belong have some years Past paid their consideration money (the Seales excepted) by which the proprietors of those patents are as yet defeated of their essential right to the lands they have purchased.

This was the Malicious management of M^r Carroll, who is the cause of so great Injustice to the Publick, purely to deprive me of the fees of the Seales, in Expectation, that for my contending with the Papists for their Pretended Right of having an Equall Share with the Protestants to Offices in this Government (and which Surely is not so soon forgot) They had hopes of removing me from my Station, & so their favourite they expected in my room, might reap the benefite of my Just Dues. I am Sorry to find that M^r Carroll and his friends are like to reap the fruit of their Resentments in my disappointment for from my short Stay in the Countrey, and the distant habitations of those that have purchased those patents, I shall lose at once the benefit of the Seales which regularly and Gradually ought to have gone Annually out of the offices. But as I never haveing been craveing of the As- p. 141sembly On my Account, I shall only referr it to the consideration of the house whether the keeping of Patents for many years in the office after persons have paid their consideration money to the Lord Propiretor be not a great Grievance.

Jo: Hart.

In Answer to which the following Message was prepared and ordered to be Entered as follows Viz:

By the Lower House of Assembly June the 5th 1719.

May it please your Excellency

M^r Speaker haveing Communicated to this house your Excellencys letter on Wednesday last we proceeded Immediately to inquire into the Subject matter recommended to us thereby and find that the Patents your Excellency Mention therein have been lately transmitted to the Secretary's Office by which we hope their remains no more Doubt but your Excellency will readily come by your Just dues whatever M^r Carroll's endeavours have been to prevent.

As by your Excellencys opposing the pretended rights of Papists you have raised them to revenge so we take leave to Affirm by your maintaining our real Ones you have engaged our Gratitude which we shall be always ready to demonstrate our sense of and have not yet forgot your Excellencys good p. 142