

that the Lower houses of Assembly in this Province once thought that the Sole Power of granting Ordinary Licences was Vested in the Lord Proprietor, you will at least acknowledge that our Present Lord Proprietor (who has the Same Right and Prerogatives now that were in his Ancestors heretofore) has some Colour of Right to the Fines arising on such Licences, and that his Right thereto does not appear so extremely doubtful to us as you wou'd insinuate In Order then to Obviate this Matter We say that in the year 1664 Charles Calvert Esq.<sup>r</sup> then Governor of this Province under the Right honourable Cecilius Lord Baltimore Lord and Proprietor thereof did in Virtue of Prerogatives Licence a Certain James Jolly to keep an Inn or Ordinary in his house in S<sup>t</sup> Marys County and did take the said Jolly Recognizance in the Sum of One thousand pounds of Tobacco with condition for his keeping good Rules and Orders in such Ordinary for the Term of three years and that one Smith afterwards in the same year obtained a Licence from the Same Governor to keep an Ordinary at S.<sup>t</sup> Marys County Court House upon the same Terms and for the same Term of years, and that in the year 1673 the same Governor issued his Proclamation directed to Certain John Allen high Sheriff of Charles County and to the Sheriff of every other County within this Province/reciting that for as much as he had Granted Licences to Several Persons within this Province for the keeping of Ordinary and that the same Licences were restrained to only one year and then to be Void, and for that he was informed that Several Persons in the Respective Counties of this Province did presume to keep Ordinary notwithstanding they had not Licences or that their Licences were Void and out of date/Commanding the same Sheriff that he should make publick Proclamation Through his Bailywick that all Persons that kept any publick Ordinary within the Same either by Virtue of any Licence from him or without any such Licence at all should Personally Appear before him at his house at Mattapenny the tenth day of January then next ensuing and bring with them such Licenses as they had by Virtue of which they kept Ordinary or some Testimonials from the Commissioners of the County where they Lived that they were Persons fit to keep Ordinary, and so take out new Licences or else to Proclaim that the said Licences to them formerly Granted were thereby Vacated and that they should be proceeded against as Persons that Sold drink and kept Ordinarys without Licences &c. and that afterwards at a General Assembly held at S.<sup>t</sup> Marys in May 1674 a Member of the Lower house moved the house that it was necessary to Provide against the Inconveniences of a multitude of Ordinarys in by Places and from such Places where Courts were kept upon the Road to give Entertainment to Passengers and Travellers &c. and that upon a Debate before that house thereon it was Resolved that that they should Send a Message to

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