Secretary of our Province of Maryland in America to return into England and be absent from our said Province for the space of Eighteen Months: and Whereas the said Sr. Thomas Lawrence has by his humble petition represented unto us that he has sustained great Losses ~~in his~~ in his said office for Remedy whereof as well as the recovery of his helth (which is yet very imperfect) he having humbly besought us That we would be pleased to grant him further Leave to be absent from our sd. province during our Royal plasure We have thought fit to condesend to his Request and We do accordingly hereby Grant him full Leave Licence and permission to be absent from our said province of Maryland during our pleasure he taking care to appoint a sufficient Deputy for the due Execution of his office of Secretary during his absence Given at our Court at St. James's the 31th Day of December 1705 In the fourth years of our Reigne.

By her Majtys Command
~~Jeffreyes~~ Hedges

mr. August 30. 1706
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Whereas Sr. Thomas Laurence Barronet by virtue of Letters patents under the Great Seale of England have been Legally Nominated & Constituted her Majtys Secretary of the province of

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