

~~Law~~ ~~to be~~ ~~kept~~ of no years profits
of that Branch of his office. We very well
remember how Tender his Excellency was
of Sr. Thomas Lawrence his Majesty's Secretary
Interest therein that was strongly asserted.
that the said Secretary had no right thereto
and are assured that his said Excellency did
Propose the said Law should be Petitionary
to the end to give Sr. Thomas a better handle
to make his Petition appear before her
most Sacred Majesty in Council, and in case
his Excellency had not then agreed to the
Bill as proposed yet Sr. Thomas could not
reap any benefit - for that the former
Act of assembly for paying those fines -
having been a temporary Law & expired
there there was no power to receive those
Licences vested in any Person. Wherefore
this Article is also a very unjust & groundless
Charge against his said Excellency the Governour
- now who is thus immoderately rewarded
for his favour and friendship to Sr. Thomas.
Sr. Thomas Laurence's Complaint that
the Searches in the Land Office were cut off
one moiety & other fees abridged to the
Value of seven thousand pounds of Tobacco
yearly is not altogether true tho' Sr. Thomas
has some Ground for the Suggestion. It's true