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true the fees of ~~Secretary~~ altered having
formerly been ~~for~~ pounds of Tobacco ~~annually~~
but now four pounds of Tobacco for every year
within the first five years two pounds of Tobacco
for every year after ~~and~~ ^{two} or three other fees
conceded ~~and~~ ^{by} the Generall Assembly
somewhat ~~reduced~~ not but that there is still a
reasonable reward for their Services to be done
by the Secretaryes Clerks and his Excellency
the ~~Board~~ declared it to be against their inclinations
and this Board agreed thereto the Secretaryes fees
for want of an Act of Assembly the former
having been Temporary and Expired would
have been as Precarious as the Ordinary Ser-
vices were for near two years when for want of
a Law there was no Authority to collect them

Whereas Sr Thomas Laurence
says that among other hardshippes his said
Excellency had done him he is sorry to find his
said Excellency had consented to an Address of the
Assembly to her Majesty to take away the Records
of the Land Office out of the Secretarys Custody
to be placed with the Lord Baltimores Officers
on certain Conditions - We do Solemnly Declare
that we know of no such Address neither did we
ever hear of any such proposals made to his
Excellency or this Board to that end or purpose
And having made Diligent Inquiry do