

in profession who w^d else have contested this Dps Title. The Leases
renewable every 99 years on payment of a small Fine, two fines
payable on every Alienation for a small Quit-Rent reserved. Col^d May
& Mr^r Th^r are of Opinion with me that if this Dps be so pleas'd
The Propositions of Mr^r Baker & the Vestry shd be received, you
will be pleased to submit this to his Dps & direct what shall
be done & also whether Mr^r Thomas's hopes should be answered with
some Recompence for the Expences he has been at in supporting
his Action & thraling this Dps Title — I am sorry the Laws are
not yet transcribed because it gives you some trouble, you
must be sensible it required no small Labour or short time to
examine all the Records since the year 1701 when a general
repealing Law passed, & to be careful to reject all the Laws
which had been repealed by subsequent Acts, This I undertook
to do myself & having accurately gone thro' the Records & noted
the Titles of such as remain in force I delivered my Notes
to the Copyists who are now transcribing without Relaxation &
I hope my care in this affair when I transmit the Laws in
two or 3 Volumes will meet with His Dps & your approbation.

You are pleased in your favour by H^r Prope to recommend M^r
Nichols to the Sheriffalty of Queen Ann City, about 6 months ago
I commissioned one Mr Hopper a gent^r who had behaved very
well in the Assembly & was earnestly recommended to that Office
but I have entered M^r Nichols in my Mem^r Book as his next
Successor — I have inclosed my Speech to both Houses at
the Opening of this Session also their respective Addresses in
Answer of my Replies. The Lower House proceeded to vote the
sum of £ 10,000 — for the Service, to be raised much after the same
manner as the £ 7000 — was proposed to be by the Bill printed
in the last Journal of the Lower House Proceedings, the Bill was
returned them with a Negative of Reasons for the Upper House's