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wavering. In the Infancy of the Colony the Times upon  
Ordinary Licences were taken by the Lord Baltimore as his  
by prerogative; & sometimes they were by him given to his  
Secretary. When King William assumed the Government they  
were appropriated by Law & have been since that time given  
by several temporary Laws to the late Lord, in 39 the Assembly  
refused to continue them to his S<sup>ds</sup> & the Law expiring, no  
Licences were granted; in 1740 they were by Law appropriated  
to defray the Expence of raising Men for the Carthage  
Expedition: again in 1746 for that intended against Canada  
which Law is still in force, by an Act made last July they  
are appropriated toward sinking £6000. that was then  
granted for his Majesty's Service, this <sup>Act</sup> I ventured upon with  
advice of his Lord's Council contrary to my first instructions  
~~fit paper~~: in what manner I am at present restrained you  
will see in the inclosed Instructions. His Lord does ~~not~~ at this  
time receive the forfeitures for Neglect in Hawkers & Pedlars to  
take out Licence; but he insists on the Licence, Fines also  
His Lord also claims as his Right by Prerogative a Time  
for Licensing Ferries, so did the late Lord once & to quiet the  
peoples Glamour immediately dropt the Affair, at this time some  
of our Ferries are kept by Order of the County Courts & the  
person who keeps the Boats has a Sum of Tol<sup>d</sup> levied by the  
Justices on the City for his payment of the Ferry it fees other  
Ferries are kept by private persons who demand of Passengers what  
they please & Passengers must pay their Demand or be refused  
Conveyance; most certainly a Regulation is necessary but the  
people will never vest the Proprietor with the Right & power of  
granting Licences, & he will not pass a Regulating Bill w<sup>tho</sup> it.  
I earnestly beg the favour of your Opinion on these matters.  
Yesterday I received Advice that a Party of French Indians had  
fallen on our Pack, Inhabitants of whom they killed three &