

Council that the Ordinary Licenses should be a Perquisite of the Secretary's Office we find only an Order of Council in General 2nd of March 1692 that Sir Thomas Lawrence should enjoy the full Benefit of his Office of Secretary of Maryland according to Patent &c and the Act for regulating Ordinaries which gave the Licenses to the Governor was set aside, but nothing more concluding the said Licenses to be his Perquisite.

And whereas he says his late Majesty by disallowing the said Act did manifestly declare he was of Opinion that it was not in the Power of the Assembly to give the Profits of the Licenses to whom they pleased that is but an Arbitrary Assertion we utterly deny his Conclusion and say that the Assembly having never since the Revolution disposed of them but by Temporary Laws for a Time did always claim a Power that they should not be disposed of without Consent of the Assembly. To the fourth in which he says upon the said Order of March 1692 being brought into Maryland the latter End of the Year 1693 the next Assembly in the same Year under Governor Kicholson by an Act pursuant to the said Order did sell those Licenses upon the Secretary for the Time being from three Years to three Years &c True it is in the Assembly 1694 in the Time of Gov: Kicholson did give the Profit of said Licenses to Sir Thomas which is the first Law that ever gave such Privileges to the Secretary which said Act was Temporary and expired in three Years and altho' the Assembly did afterwards by other Acts continue the same longer to the Secretary yet it was always by Temporary Laws thereby reserving to themselves the Power of disposing of it as to them should seem most.

Which being read in the House concurred therewith. Likewise an Address relating thereto was brought into the House which being read and approved of by the House was ordered to be ingrossed.

And the Address relating to the Gauges of Tobacco &c was read in the House and ordered to be ingrossed.

The Petition of Samuel Smith and others praying a further Allowance for their Service upon the Guard at Annapolis. Read and rejected.

The Bill relating to Runaway Servants &c Read the first Time and ordered a second Reading.

The Gent: Justices of Kent County pursuant to an Order of this House to the Sheriff of Kent County directed were brought to the Bar of this House and then was read the Complaint of Dominick Kinglaugh against John Blay and the rest of the Justices of Kent County the Complaint of the Justices and Evidence being heard at the Bar of this House were ordered to withdraw, then the House proceeded to debate the same which being debated Resolved that