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for Donnygo and settling Naval Office here within this Province petitioned his said late Majesty King William that the same Act might not pass the Royal Assent under Pretence that the Profits arising thereby were Perquisites belonging to the Secretary and upon the said Sir Thomas's Complaint none appearing to gainway the same the said Acts were deforsorted but not any Directions to vest the Benefits of Ordinary Licenses in Sir Thomas Lawrence as Secretary or otherwise True it is the Assembly by an Act made in ^{the year} 1694 in the time of Governor Nicholson did give the Profits arising from Ordinary Licenses to Sir Thomas Lawrence which is the first Law that ever gave such Times 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 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 meet. And it being considered that the Fees of the Secretary's Office of late are vastly increased through the Multitude of Business therein and the Licenses to Ordinary Schooners not being duly entered or recorded in the Secretary's Office is unreasonable the Times arising thereon should be given or settled on him This dread Sovereign is the true State of the case, and we doubt not will give your Majesty full Satisfaction that Sir Thomas Lawrence as Secretary has no Right to the Times on Ordinary Licenses within this Province, and hope your Majesty will not hear any further Complaints against us by Sir Thomas Lawrence upon this Subject.

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