

Nothing of consequence happening since the last Session, have with the Advice of her Majesty's ^{honorable} Council as well as by my own Inclination delayed convening you till this Time. I persuade myself you will approve our Conduct therein and will now heartily join with us in concerting the speediest Method for accomplishing the Business of this Session and raising such Supplies as may be wanting to defray the publick Charge of this present Year. I acquainted you last Session that I am restrained from passing any Acts in the Absence of a Governor in Chief but what are immediately necessary for the Preservation of the Peace & Welfare of the Province without her Majesty's particular Order for that Purpose. I doubt not but it is yet fresh in your Memories for which Reason expect you will not move me to act contrary to what I am so strictly charged with, considering you will reap no other Advantage than to prolong this Session and burthen the Country with Charge.

Gent^l Sir Thomas Lawrence her Majesty's Secretary of this Province believing himself hardly used in being kept out of the Benefits accruing by Ordinary Licenses upon a further Representation of his Case has obtained her Majesty's Order requiring me at the first Assembly which shall meet after the Receipt thereof to signify to you in the most earnest Manner that notwithstanding the several Orders made in Council and Letters her Majesty has been pleased to write in his Behalf after his Case had been fully examined by the Com^{rs} of Trade and Plantations and the Attorney General who all agreed in representing the Hardships thereof has hitherto met with no Compliance for which Reason her Majesty is pleased to signify her Will and Pleasure and to command me to acquaint you she expects you should forthwith pass a Law for regulating Ordinaries without Limitation of ^{time} at least for a longer Duration than it hath hitherto been made and that the Benefit of the Licenses be thereby appropriated to the Use of the Secretary for the Time being as fully and to all Intents and Purposes as the said Sir Thomas Lawrence or any other Secretary of this her Province hath at any Time heretofore had or lawfully enjoyed — And that she does further expect you give unto the said Sir Thomas Lawrence an equitable Consideration for the mean Profits of the said Office which he hath lost since the Year 1704

Mr. Speaker and you Gent^l shall have the Consent of her Majesty's above recited Order by which you will see how strictly I am commanded to press these Matters home to you and doubt not but you will take it into your serious Consideration and presently shew your ready Compliance in a Matter that has so often been adjudged to be his Right

Afterwards the House adjourned to their own House and Mr. Speaker took the Chair and Ordered Mr. Edward Scott, Mr. James Frisby and Mr. Walter Storey