

By the Upper house of Assembly June the 5<sup>th</sup> 1719 Read twice and will pass  
Signed J<sup>r</sup> Order John Beard Clerk Upper house

The following Letter from his Excellency on Wednesday last to Mr. Speaker was communicated to the house & Ordered to be Entered as follows - Mr. Speaker Desire you will acquaint the house that, by the artfull Contrivance of Mr. Carroll his Lordships former Agent, there remain, as I am Informed upwards of three hundred Patents which are not yet sealed, tho' the Officers to whom these Patents belong have some years past paid their Consideration Money (the Seals excepted) by w<sup>ch</sup> the Proprietors of those Patents are as yet Deprived of their essential right to the Lands they have purchased -

This was the Malicious Management of Mr. Carroll, who is the cause of so great Injustice to the publick purely to Deprive me of the fees of the Seals, in expectation, that for my Contending with the Baptists for their pretended Right of having an equal share with the protestants to Offices in this Government (and w<sup>ch</sup> I surely was in a poor way) they had hopes of removing me from my Station and so their favorites they expected in my room might reap the benefit of my Just Fees. I am sorry to find that Mr. Carroll and his friends are like to reap the fruit of their Resentment, in my Disappointment, for from my short stay in the Country, and the distant habitations of those that have purchased these Patents I shall be at once the benefit of my Seals w<sup>ch</sup> regularly and gradually ought to have gone Annually out of the Office - But as I never have been reading of the Assembly on my Account, I shall only refer it to the Consideration of the house whether the keeping of Patents for many years in the Office after persons have paid their Consideration money to the Lord Proprietor be not a great Grievance -

In answer to w<sup>ch</sup> the follo<sup>g</sup> Message was prepared & Ordered to be entered as follows  
By the Lower house of Assembly June the 5<sup>th</sup> 1719 May it please your Excellency Mr. Speaker having communicated to this house your Excell<sup>ty</sup> Let<sup>r</sup> on Wednesday last we proceeded immediately to enquire into the Subject matter recommended to us thereby & find that the Patents your Excellency mentions therein have been lately transmitted to the Secretarys Office by w<sup>ch</sup> we hope their remains no more Doubt but your Excell<sup>ty</sup> will readily come by your Just dues what ever Mr. Carrolls endeavours have been to prevent it - And by your Excellency opposing the pretended Rights of Baptists you have raised them to revenge so we take leave to affirm by your maintaining our real ones you have Engaged our Gratitude w<sup>ch</sup> we shall be always ready to Demonstrate our sense of & have not yet forgot your Excellency good & effectual Offices in Defence of our protestant Constitution which will remain ever memorable to us and our posterity. Signed J<sup>r</sup> Order M<sup>r</sup> Jennifer Clerk Lower house which was sent to his Excellency by Mr. Bordley and five more

Col<sup>l</sup>: Tilghman from the Upper house Deliver Mr. Speaker the bill for Limitation of Officers fees thus Endorsed Viz<sup>t</sup>: By the Upper house of Assembly June the 5<sup>th</sup> 1719 Read twice pass Signed J<sup>r</sup> Order J<sup>r</sup> Beard Clerk Upper house and the bill for Laying the publick duty thus Endorsed Viz<sup>t</sup>: By the Upper house of Assembly June the 5<sup>th</sup> 1719 read the first & second times and will pass Signed J<sup>r</sup> Order John Beard Clerk Upper house Both w<sup>ch</sup> bills were read and pass for Engrossing and sent to the Committee of Laws to be Engraved