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and Col: Conroy about the fines for Preliminary Licences which you  
thereby int make to be given by his Excellency to Mr: Beale and Mr: Low the  
secretaries of this Province.

I have written you that we find by the Journals of the House of  
Delegates during the time that G: Thomas Lawrence was Secretary  
of this Province many debates and contests happened on that subject  
between the Committee and him whence we find the Committee never  
did agree he had any right thereto, and now that the Government is  
in my Lord's Prop: of which may occasion new arguments and that  
this matter requiring Prudent Consideration has been so lately  
laid before us and that the other Business laid before this house  
is pretty well finished which gives us hopes that this Session in  
near a Conclusion the continuance of which would occasion a  
great charge to the publick.

Per/ may your Hon: will agree to refer that Matter to the +  
consideration to the next Session.

Signed for me Tho: Macremas & Co: Esq: Sent  
to the Upper house by Esq: Rousby, Mr: Charles Wright Mr:  
Jowles & Mr: Baker, who return and say they delivered it.

In answer to a Message brought down from the Upper  
house this day by Col: Young and John Hall Esq: about the heads and  
scalps of Crows & Squinnells, the following Message was prepared  
and Ordered to be entered thus (Viz:.)

By the Lower house of Assembly Augt 3<sup>d</sup> 1715.

In answer to your Message this day by St: Col: Sam: Young and  
John Hall Esq: about the heads and Scalps of Crows and Squinnells.  
We agree to the bringing in a supplementary Bill Empowering and  
requiring every Magistrate before whom any Squinnells or Crows  
heads are produced to require reasonable proofs to the best of the  
Magistrate's Knowledge that they were killed in the County before  
any Certificate shall be given and to see such heads or Scalps burnt,  
lest to oblige the Magistrate to go to Court would be a means to discon-  
rage many from killing the said Indians for persons living at a  
great distance from the Court will hardly think it worth while  
to carry a few heads thither and we also agree that a clause shall  
be inserted that no Squinnells or Crows heads or Scalps killed by  
Indians be paid for all which its hoped will prevent the +  
Country's being imposed on.

Signed for me Tho: Macremas & Co: Esq:

Sent to the Upper house by Maj: Wilson, Mr: Turbitt, Mr: Hill,  
& Capt: Greenfield. They return and say they delivered it.

Ordered that Sam: Young Esq: the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay  
unto his Ex: m: John Hart Esq: twenty pounds Sterling to Prismurse