

at 2. p. in Tobacco that then all such money so raised should be applied to the use of the publick of this province,

Signed for order Mr Boarders to the Upper House;
Bill for removing Justice Georges County Court House was read again and will pass which was so indout and sent to the upper house by Col. Maswell Capt Codd and Capt Fendall &c

They return and say they delivered it
Esq. Hall from the Upper house Delivered Mr. Speaker the following Message vizt

By the Upper House of Assembly May 5th 1718.

Gent.
His Excellency having offered to this house of five three years last past very few patents have issued out of His Lordships Lands office and that the occasion thereof was that Mr. Charles Carroll would not pay any patents but wth some tests and Trusty and Mr. Division Charles Carroll require His Lordships Chief agent of our Land affairs which being highly derogatory to the office of keeper of the great seal of this province his Grace did not think advisable to consent thereto Mr. Carroll also refused to issue out any patents unless he might have one half of the fees of the seals notwithstanding if the seal was by their Letters & speciall order taken out of his hands and lodged with the Governour and Keeper thereof by which means very few patents have issued out of the office since that time to the very great and manifest prejudice of many the good people of this province who as we have been informed have long since paid off fees of the said patents we therefore recommend this matter together with the enclosed Certificate to the Consideration of your house as a publick aggrivance of the whole province.

Signed for order Mr Boarders to the Upper House.

In answer to which the following Message was passed vizt

By the Lower House of Assembly May 11th 1718.
(May it please Your Honours)

In answer to your Message of this day by Esq. Hall as to Mr. Carrolls insisting on the patents issuing forth in the State therein mentioned we agree in opinion that the same is highly derogatory to the office of keeper of the great Seal; and likewise that his refusing and delaying to issue the patents where the people had taken the proper Methods towards the obtaining them unless he was to be paid the one half of the fees of the Seal, is a manifest prejudice as well to my Lord in the Discouraging the Cultivation of his Lands as to the people in hindering them,