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might Reap the benefit of my just dues, I am sorry to find that
Mr. Carroll and his friends are like to reap the fruit of their
resentments in my Disappointment, for from my short stay in
the Country, and the distant habitations of those that have
purchased those patents I shall lose at once the benefit of the deals
which regularly and gradually ought to have gone annually out
of the offices.

But as I never have been craving of the assembly on my account
I shall only defer 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 Lords Proprietors be not
a great grievance —
Jo. Hart.

In answer to which the following message was prepared, and
ordered to be entered as follows, vizt.

By the Lower House of Assembly June the 5th 1719.

May it please your Excellency //

Mr. Speaker having communicated to this House your Excey
Letter on Wednesday last, we proceeded immediately to enquire into the subject
matter recommended to us therein and find that the patents your Excellency
mention therein have been lately transmitted to the Secretaries office by
which we hope there remains no more doubt but your Excellency will
readily come by your just dues, whatever Mr. Carrolls endeavours
have been to prevent it.

As by your Excellency opposing the pretended rights of Papists you
have raised them to revenge so we take leave to affirm by your maintain-
ing our real ones you have engaged our gratitude which we shall be
always ready to demonstrate our sense of and have not yet forgot
your Excellency good and effectual offers in defence of our
Protestant Constitution which will remain ever memorable
to us and our posterity.

Signed for order. Mr. Jenifer Ch. Lo. House,

Which was sent to his Excellency by Mr. Bordley and five more
Capt. Trenchman from the Upper House delivers Mr. Speaker The bill
for Limitation of Officers fees thus Endorsed vizt.

By the Upper House of Assembly June the 5th 1719
Read and will pass Signed for order. Mr. Beard Ch. Up. Ho.
And the Bill for Laying the publick Levy thus Endorsed vizt.

By the Upper House of Assembly June the 5th 1719
Read the first and second times and will pass

Signed for order. John Beard Ch. Up. Ho.

both which bills were read and past for Engrossing and sent to the
Committee of Laws to be engrossed