

of the addition to the price of land to be, that one half of the fees due to the proprietary's officers, were given to the king's secretary; but that if it might be thought fit to restore the land records and the fees to those officers, the addition should be taken off, and security given for the safety of the records, &c. The proposition approved by the committee and the lower house, and a conference therein requested."

UPPER HOUSE JOURNAL, commencing 1699—fol. 287.

" Report of a conference appointed to enquire into grievances relating to the land office, and lord Baltimore's agents.

" The conferees having laid before them and read the message of the house, and the order of his late majesty in council, concerning the division of the fees of that office between lord Baltimore and secretary Lawrence, report :

" That an act or ordinance ought to be passed, that whatever warrants hereafter may be drawn by his lordship's officers, and assigned either in whole or in part, that on return of the certificate, it shall be lawful for the owner to demand a grant thereof, notwithstanding the purchase money be unpaid by the first taker up of the warrant, and that notice thereof to be given to his lordship's agents :—

" That forasmuch as the land records are much torn, damaged, and some part lost, and that the offices for granting of lands are now in two several persons, which were heretofore entire, and that their being so divided occasions his lordship to double the purchase of his warrants, they pray her majesty may be addressed for remedy thereof."

UPPER HOUSE JOURNAL, commencing 1699—folio 303.

CHAPTER XVII.

OF THE PROPRIETARY'S RENTS AND REVENUE AFFAIRS.

THE revenues of the lord proprietary were of two general kinds; the one being derived from his territorial rights under the charter, and the other from the concessions and bounty of the province. It is the first kind, only that has much connection with land affairs; and this embraced a variety of branches, among the principal of which were the purchase money of lands granted to settlers, and the quit