

U. H. J. Session and raising such supplies as may be wanting to defray the Charge of this present year I acquainted you last Session that I am restrained from passing any Laws in the absence of a Governour in chief but what are immediately necessary for the preservation of the peace & Welfare of the Province—without her Majesty's particular order for that purpose. I doubt not but it is yet fresh in your memories for which reason I expect you will not move me to act contrary to what I am so
 p. 801 Strictly charged with considering you will reap no other Advantage than to prolong this Session and burthen the Country with charge

Gentlemen S^r Thomas Lawrence her Majesty's Secretary of this Province believing himself hardly used in being kept out of the Benefitt arising by ordinary Licences upon a further Representation of his Case has obtained her Majesty's order requiring me at the first Assembly which shall meet after receipt thereof to signify to you in the most earnest manner that notwithstanding the several orders made in Council and Letters her Majesty has been pleased to write in his Behalf after his Case had been fully examined by the Commissioners of Trade and Plantations and the Attorney General Who all agreed in representing the Hardships thereof, He has hitherto met with no compliance. For which reason her Majesty is pleased to Signify her Will and Pleasure and to command me to acquaint you She expects you should forthwith pass a Law for regulating ordinarys without Limitation of Time or at least for a longer Duration than It hath hitherto been made & that the Benefitts of the Licences be thereby appropriated to the use of the Secretary for the Time being; as fully & to all Intents & Purposes as the said S^r Thomas Lawrence or any other Secretary of this her Province hath at any time heretofore had or lawfully Enjoyed And that she does further
 p. 802 expect you to give unto the same S^r Tho^s Lawrence an equitable Consideration for the mean profitts of the said Office which he hath lost since the year 1704

M^r Speaker and you Gentlemen shall have the perusal of her Majesty's above recited order by which you will see how Strictly I am commanded to press these matters home to you and doubt not but you will take it into your serious Consideration and prudently Show your ready compliance in a matter that has so often been adjudged to be his right

After which they withdrew

Cap^t James Frisby Major Story & Cap^t Scott came and presented Col James Smallwood a Delegate for Charles County L^t Col Edward Blay a Delegate for Kent County M^r