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May it Please your Excellency.

In Obedience to your Excellency's Commands in Pursuance of an Address from the ~~Lo~~ House of Delegates Desiring to be Laid before Them the Right or Claim by which His Secretary takes from the Clerks of the Lordsale County Courts of this province One tenth part of their fees yearly I am to Inform your Excellency that such Allowance or payment out of the Clerks Fees has been an Usage Long before this Time I ~~was~~ came into yr Office of Secry And I presume was Ever since the Appointment of Clerks by the Secretary, And that ~~the usage~~ reason assigned of it I Conceive to be founded on the Rule of Responded Superior, By which the Secretary would be Answerable for the ~~wrong~~ Clerks Behaviour In Case of yr Insolvency of the Clerks or their Securitys.