informed of the Death of Colonel William Dent Where
Sr Thomas had left his Attorney here, did require the
sole Care of Sr Thomas's Concerns - And being made
Sensible that Sr Thomas Laurens had made over and
assigned all the fees perquisites and profitts of his Secretary
Office to William Bladen for the Satisfaction & payment
of two hundred and fifty pounds Ster 8 d. 15293 lbs
did think the said William Bladen the properest person
to take Care of those fees - And whereas it was -
absolutely necessary that the said Sr Thomas Laurens
Clerk who managed the Office and the Deputy Secretary
should be paid their respective Sallarys - It was -
Ordered that the said Bladen should take Care and see
them paid out of Sr Thomas's fees - ~~[illegible]~~
Which ~~Order~~ We hope all reasonable men will approve
without observing the least Shadow of Disrespect to -
Sr Thomas Laurens therein. ~~We~~ not being in ye least -
~~conceive~~ [illegible] thereof -

3dly Whereas Sr Thomas Laurens in his ~~Letter~~ to his Deputy -
Seems to retorte that his Deputy had wrote him the -
Bill ~~for~~ impowering Fees for Ordinary Licenses was -
not a positive Law but only Ministerial which
the said Deputy had so proposed on purpose to out of a true
Regard to ye Sr Thomas's Interest - Yet he finds the
Law to be positive as well as the rest & for want of his
Deputy's Reasons Sent wth that Law he is like to be Short of
two years profitt of that Branch of his Office -

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