very well remember how tender his Majty was of Sr Thomas
Lawrence her Majtys Interest therein — Tho it was strongly —
asserted that the said Secretary had no right thereto —
and are assured that his said Majty did propose the said
Law should be retrietroactive, to the end to give Sr Thomas
a better handle to make his pretensions appeare before
her most Sacred Majty in Councill, And tho his Majty
had not then agreed to the Bill as proposed yet Sr Thomas
could not reap any Benifitt for that y^e former Act of
Assembly for levying those Fynes having been a —
temporary Law & expired there was no power to —
receive those Fynes vested in any person — Wherefore
this Article is also a very unjust and groundless Charge —
against his said Majty the Gov^r who is thus unkindly rewarded
for his favour & Friendships to Sr Thomas. —

4^thly Sr Thomas Lawrence Compl^t that the Searches in
the Land Office were cutt off to one moyety & other
Fees abridged to y^e value of Seaven thousand pounds of
tob^o yearly if not altogether true tho Sr Thomas hath
some ground for the Suggestion — Attested the fees —
of Searches are altered having formerly been four
pounds of tob^o & now but now four pounds of tobacco
& a boy for within the first two years and two pounds of tobacco for
every year after
and two or three other fees conceived too Excessive by the