

Letter Bk. I. of the 13th of May begins shall You may be assured be punctually observed, as shall on every Occasion His Ldp's & Your Instructions.

As much of Arundel Mannour as has by the Expiration of the old Leases been set out since I mentioned our Design to advance the Rent has been leased at the Rate of £5. a 100 Acres but we have been obliged to allow the Addition of a little Reserve to each Tract so leased. It is absolutely impracticable at present to raise the Price of his Ldps vacant Lands, Some People begin to think their property less secure than heretofore, & I am told very few will chuse to be concerned with such Land as lies toward the Frontiers, as will I am afraid be too well evinced by the Agent's next Accounts. I am sorry to tell you there is not the least Room to hope that the Assembly will hear of any thing in favour of an Amendment to the Inspection Law. I am confident that there are scarcely Ten people in the Lower House who at this time desire its Continuance in any Form, & I have great reason to think that the present Scarcety of Tob^o inclines the Majority of the People to wish his Ldp may dissent to the Act entirely; I therefore submit to his Ldp to do therein as to him seems best, but in case of his Ldp's Dissent shall be glad to know whether the Regulation of Officers Fees shall be the same as before any Inspection Law was made & whether I shall ascertain & settle them by proclamation. I have communicated what you desired to M^r Calvert & presume you will by this Opportunity receive Letters from himself, he says he will continue as joint Iudge of the Land Office till he hears from you again. As I cannot otherwise secure the Annual Present for M^r Wogan it continues charged to that Office & I have desired them to let me have a Bill to remit for his use. I find M^r Calvert thinks he has a Right to expect something in Consequence of his Marriage or the Late Ld's Will. I cautioned him to take Care how he proceeded, lest he should seem wanting in Duty & Respect to His Ldp & Yourself, he promised to do so, but gave me to understand that he will never relinquish his Claim to what he has been told he has a Title to, unless a Verdict or Decree pass agst him. I have desired Col^o Lloyd to come over as soon as possible, till that time I defer answering that Part of your Lett^r which relates to Talbot Mannour & also taking any farther Step with respect to M^r Edw^d Tilghman, for I am afraid Colonel Lloyd will scarcely chuse to accept his Books unless they are perfected & settled, for which End only he has been indulged so long. I am sorry M^r Steuart thinks himself more aggrieved by the Act for granting £6000. than those who contract for the Exportation of the Convicts from the inland Prisons. M^r Steuarts & the other Contractors Agents sell the