

- Letter Bk. I. Provision for furnishing the Soldiers with such Things as they stand in need of, but the Small Pox having broke out here & many of the Inhabitants being ill of that Distemper when the
- p. 253 Assembly should have met The Burgesses for the most part declined giving their Attendance wherefore after proroguing the House from Day to Day till the 28th I then complied with the Request of the Speaker & those few who were in Town & by the Advice of your Ldp's Council farther prorogued them to the 10th of next Month when we may perhaps be pretty free from the Disease which is very much dreaded by the People in this Country (principally on Account of their Estates consisting in Slaves & Servants) & in the mean time the Gent^r who live in & around the Towns wherein the Troops are quartered furnish them with Houses, Beds, Fire Wood &c by Subscription in hopes of being reimbursed by the Assembly, & the Soldiers are victualed by Persons whom the Victualing Contractors have engaged for that Purpose. A few Days ago I received a Letter from the Earl of Loudoun (who is now at Boston) wherein he is pleased to tell me that he expects to see Governor Dinwiddie & myself at Phil^a the 17th Inst. I know not what His Ldp proposes by desiring our Attendance but I presume Governor Dinwiddie will call on me some Day next week & I shall then proceed to obey His Ldp's Commands. It is more than probable that I shall be able from Phil^a to advise your Ldp of the Result of our Meeting, but if no Opportunity of Dispatching a Lett^r thence should offer I shall transmit Letters by a Vessel of Col^o Lloyds which with one from this Place is to sail the End of this Month or the Beginning of next, I shall charge the Captains of both these Vessels with some
- p. 254 Maryland Partridges which I have kept by me since the Beginning of the Winter for such a favourable Opportunity of sending them to your Ldp & I hope I shall be able to transmit also by Col^o Lloyds Vessel an accurate Map of Prince Georges Co^{ty} which has been actually surveyed agreeable to your Ldps Orders. I think I may promise too by the same Conveyance a true & perfect Rent Roll of Ann Arundel Coty which I have myself made out from the Records of the Land Office as your Ldp will see by the References to the said Books & the Certificate which I shall annex thereto, I think the Method I have taken will serve as a useful Example to the Rent Roll Keepers & will be of great Use both to the Agent & Receiver. It has employed me for the greatest part of Six Months. I have at length got & entered in a Book Platts of most of your Ldps Mannours in the different Parts of the Province but I find 'twill not be in my power with the utmost Diligence & Enquiry to send your Ldp such particular & satisfactory Drafts of them as might have been expected: this is owing to the Neglect of