

Letter Bk. I. pleased to acquaint My Lord therewith, & as these Indians may possibly in a few years be no more, His Ldp will perhaps be pleased to erect it into a Manour before that time tho he cannot sett any Parcells of it out to Tenants till it be by the present Inhabitants entirely relinquished—As there are some Persons in the Province who have offered to apply & take out Lycence for Piloting in the Rivers of this Province, upon Condition His Ldp will forbid & prevent all other Persons who do not take Lycence from engaging themselves as Pilots to navigate Vessels up & down the several Rivers as well as the Bay; You will be pleased to direct me how to proceed in this
 p. 78 Affair & what Steps must be taken to prevent any Person not having Lycence from acting in that Capacity: If the Merch^{ts} would order all their Captains to take none but Lycenced Pilots where such are to be had, or if a Policy of Insurance could ever be forfeited by the Masters Refusal to take a Lycenced Pilot where such a one was to be procured we should find little Difficulty in executing his Ldps Instructions on this Head, but if that be not Merchant Law & the Merch^{ts} will not comply with the first Supposition, You will oblige me with your Opinion & that of the Lawyers, whether His Ldp by his Prerogative cannot forbid & prevent any Persons piloting without Lycence, for unless such a Prohibition can be laid, no person will apply for, or accept any Lycence at all, & if this be determined as I hope it will, you will be pleased also to acquaint me with the Mode (that may be advised) or manner of prosecuting or punishing such as shall continue to pilot in Opposition to His Ldp's Prohibition, & you may be assured there shall on my part be no Delay in asserting his Ldp's Right & Prerogative.

In my Letter dated last February I observed to you that it had been found impracticable to disposses Persons of any Surplusage Land, which they hold by Patents, in which such Land is described by natural Boundaries, tho the Patents should err considerably in the number of Acres contained therein many Persons that were willing to join to their Tract some
 p. 79 contiguous Land have taken out Warrant of Resurvey for the Original Tract with Lycence to include any adjacent Vacancy in their Resurvey; but there are I find by strict Enquiry among the Inhabitants many Gent^l who hold large Tracts of Land as Surplus under extensive old Patents, who never will resurvey the same upon the Conditions that are at present insisted on by the Agent before He grants Warrant of Resurvey; who requires on such Occasions the Arrearages for such Surplus from the Date of the Patent: but if His Ldp would permit the Patentee to have Warrant of Resurvey for his Land, upon Condition he shall pay for the Surplus henceforward at the original reserved Rent, there are none hardly in possession of Surplus Land I am well informed but would immediately take