

Letter Bk. IV who seemed determined to defend his Title till the Trial Court & then he offered Col<sup>o</sup> Lloyd £325 Currency for them rather than run the Risk of a Trial which offer Col<sup>o</sup> Lloyd accepted. But to return to the Agreement which had been made by M<sup>r</sup> Sullivan, as in making it he had acted without sufficient Authority, it was not binding on His Ldp or his Agent unless they chose it & therefore no harm was done, & I have not upon the most strict Enquiry found any Person that thinks Sullivan had the least Intention to defraud the Proprietary of any thing when he made the abovementioned Agreement with Vining but on the contrary it is the opinion of all that know him & that were acquainted with the Affair that he intended to do what was in his Opinion best & most for the Interest of His Ldp & what in fact he would have done had the Affair been entirely his own; & after all I question whether by the time that the Lawyers who were concerned for His Ldp are satisfied he will be so considerable a Gainer as Col<sup>o</sup> Lloyd seems to intimate, but tho that should be the Case yet as M<sup>r</sup> Sullivan does not seem to have acted with an ill Intention, & since be his Intention what it would Col<sup>o</sup> Lloyd could not be bound by any Act which the Sheriff had presumed to do without Authority it was hardly worth Col<sup>o</sup> Lloyds while I think to trouble His Ldp about the Affair unless he thereby intended to make a great merit of having done what was his Duty or what in that particular Case he thought was most for His Ldp's Interest. But notwithstanding I have said so much in excuse for M<sup>r</sup> Sullivan's Behaviour on that occasion I can assure you he is not one of the Men that I shall ever think of Serving; his Conduct in the Lower House has been far from agreeable, but with regard to that I think he differs very little from all the Persons that were Sheriffs during M<sup>r</sup> Ogles & M<sup>r</sup> Taskers Administration, & since my Subject naturally leads me to it, as well as the Doubt you express in Your Letter about Col<sup>o</sup> Lloyds political Principles I must now take the Liberty to say more to you on that Subject than I have yet chose to do. how he behaved while he was a member of the Lower House the Journalls of that House will always shew & I think not much to his honour or Advantage, there is scarcely a Gentleman in the Province at this time who has Connections with so many of the principal Male-

p. 30 contents as he has; however strange it might appear to You, no sooner was M<sup>r</sup> Edward Tilghman deprived of the Office that he held under his Ldp & thereupon commenced a most flaming Patriot but Colo Lloyd courted his Friendship, M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Lloyd, M<sup>r</sup> Dorsey & M<sup>r</sup> Harris are his Relations or particular Friends & Dependants, nay his Brother Rich<sup>d</sup> for whom he solicited a Seat at the Council has at late Elections