

Letter Bk. IV to M^r Thornton who by His Ldp's Instruction is to have the next Living that becomes vacant & will be well pleased if by M^r Bacon's Removal to Frederick S^t Peters falls to his Lot. In my Letter dated the 18th of April I told you that I had wrote to M^r Milligan & advised him of Col^o Lloyds Complaint agst him. he has since sent me two Letters which he received from Col^o Lloyd & by answering which it seems he gave the Offence, Indeed I must say that those Letters are not the most polite but will not pretend to determine on them till I can see M^r Milligan's Answer for which I have applied to Col^o Lloyd & he promised to send it me but I have not yet received it. In the same Letter I likewise told you that we heard Gov^r Denny had at length given his Assent to a Bill for taxing the Proprietaries Estate in Pens^a by the mode for which the Assembly had been so long contending. This Account has been since confirmed to us with these Circumstances that M^r Denny did it contrary to the Advice of his Council & his Instructions. I understand that by this Act the Proprietaries are subjected to the same Taxes which have been laid on the other Estates

p. 42 by several Acts that have passed there since the Year 1754 by which means it is said the Proprietaries will in the 12 years for which the Act that M^r Denny has now passed is to endure be obliged to pay the Sum of £72,000 & their Friends are I find apprehensive that at the next Session M^r Denny will not scruple to gratify the Assembly with an Excise Bill on any Terms they shall ask it, or with any other Bill that they may desire to the Prejudice of the Proprietaries, who will I presume now at length repent of their having superceeded M^r Morris on whom they could depend & who in the Opinion of most people was not treated by them in the most genteel manner. Since M^r Denny gave his Assent to the abovementioned Bill M^r Norris the Speaker has published a Pamphlet in Answer as he says to the Brief State of Pens^a (which was said to be published sometime ago by the Rev^d M^r Smith) in which Pamphlet he undertakes to shew that the Assembly have not been to blame in any of the Disputes which have arisen between their Governors & them since the Commencement of Hostilities in America; for a more particular Account I must beg Leave to refer You to the Book itself which you will receive together with this Letter. A few Days ago we received Advice from the Westward that about a week before as Capt Bullett of the Virg^a Regim^t with a Party of 100 men was escorting 15 Waggon^s loaded with Provisions to Pittsburg he was attacked by a considerable Body of French & Indians who killed or took 35 of his Party & all the Provisions which I am afraid the Garrison at Pittsburg could but ill afford to lose, as I have been informed that not long before the 18th of May