

Letter Bk. IV any Errors or Mistakes they may make rather to their having misunderstood the Arguments urged on either Side than to Wilfulness or Design; & after all if one may judge from the Number of Appeals that are made from that Court very few people are dissatisfied with their Determinations. With respect to that particular Action which you have been told was brought to Tryal in July last concerning an Escheat Warrant I believe there was something very singular in the Case especially with regard to the two mesne Conveyances or Descents that were proved as you have been informed by

p. 125 Hearsay Evidence, I shall when the Justices come to Annapolis next provincial Court have some Conversation with them severally on the Subject & will afterwards inform you how the Affair shall appear to me with all its Circumstances: at present I shall only say that I am persuaded by the harsh & ungenteel Expressions the Attorney Gen^l used when he wrote to you on this Affair that he was too warm to give a candid & fair Account of Things being just then piqued perhaps at the Judges not giving an Opinion on every Point exactly agreeable to his Wishes; nor is it impossible that he might have been angry without Cause; I believe it is not uncommon for Lawyers even in Westminster Hall to think the Judges give erroneous Opinions when they happen to differ from their own. By Your Letter you seem to think that His Ldp was immediately concerned as a Party in that Cause, but the Case was not so, he was neither Plaintiff nor Defendant (tho indeed His Ldp's Interest might be affected by the Issue of the Trial) nor did M^r Bordley appear on that Occasion as Attorney General.

Your Memorandum dated the 17th of March as well as your Letter of the same Date by the Rev^d M^r Barroll & that dated the 18th of April last being come to hand I embrace this Opportunity to acknowledge my Receipt of them & to assure you that I shall pay due Regard to His Ldp's Pleasure thereby signified, but I could wish My Ld had not given M^r Anderson

p. 126 any Room to expect the Sheveralty of Dorchester. As I never heard his Name mentioned tho I have been several times in that County I believe he must be a Person of little Consequence or Interest & as M^r Caille's Brother is the present Sheriff I am surprized at his making Application so soon in behalf of another Relation. I conclude from what you say of His Ldp's Desire to have the best Land secured that is to be found in Frederick County that if a Quantity of vacant Land cannot be found on this Side Fort Cumberland he would have some secured beyond that Place & that if a large Tract is not to be found altogether, he would have so many smaller Tracts secured as will make up the Numbers of Acres he ordered to be laid out & reserved by way of a mannour & shall therefore