

Letter Bk. IV should be thought by some not sufficiently respectful to the Memory of the Deceased, but after a month is elapsed I shall introduce him to the Board & have him qualified agreeable to His Ldp's Intention. Miss Graham to whom you say the Apothecary of that name had bequeathed a Legacy died last Winter in Calvert County at the House of her Unkle M^r Ch^s Graham with whom She had resided ever since her Father's Decease & to whom I understand the Legacy will now fall. About Two months ago M^r Tasker produced to me the Inquest relative to Talbot Mannour that was taken by Abel Van Burkett (who was Sheriff of Cecil County during the Administration of Governor Hart) saying at the same Time that he did not when I sometime ago desired him to communicate to me all he knew concerning that Affair remember or recollect that any such Papers were in his Possession: Apprehending that it would be proper before the Papers were transmitted to you to have the Hand Writing of the Jurymen who signed or subscribed the Inquest proved, I advised with the Attorney Gen^l thereon & in pursuance of his opinion many Depositions were taken, as you will see when you receive the Inquest which M^r Tasker has transmitted by Capt Nath^l Chew; The Warrant, Inquest, & Depositions having been first transcribed into the Provincial Records: I cannot learn that an Action has ever been brought in the Provincial Court by any Person claiming Talbot Mannour or Part thereof as Heir p. 130 Executor Administrator or Assignee of Col^o Talbot; There was indeed an Ejectment brought in the year 1752 (as you have been heretofore informed) by M^r Sam^l Thomas as His Ldp's Lessee agst the Rector of St. Mary Ann Parish, who was in Possession of a very small Part of the Mannour which Action was determined in favour of the Defendant, the Court refusing to pay any Regard to an Authenticated Transcript of a Record which had been brought from Virg^a to shew that Col^o Geo. Talbot the Original Patentee of that mannour was in the year 1684 convicted in Virg^a of a murder committed in Maryland, but the Plaintiff having appealed agst the Judgment it was afterwards reversed in the Court of Appeals, of which I likewise advised you in former Letters; but as you desire that I will send you authenticated Copies of all Proceedings that have been had relative to this mannour I have now ordered the Clerk of the Court of Appeals to prepare a Transcript of this with all Expedition in Order that it might be transmitted, tho for my own Part I cannot conceive that you will from thence receive any material Information. Pray Sir who are the Parties that set up a Claim to the abovementioned mannour & what are their Pretensions? I have been told that there was an Officer of His Majesty's Forces at Phil^a two