

Letter Bk. IV wrote to some Members of the Pensilvania Assembly & encouraged them to hope that their Act will not be dissented to, which has I understand not a little alarmed the Proprietaries Friends in that Province. In the Letter which I addressed to you the 7th of July I told you that at the ensuing Provincial Court I should take an Opportunity of Speaking to the several Magistrates concerning that Affair of an Escheat Warrant which was determined at an adjourned Court held in July was Twelve Month, but as M^r Dulany & M^r Dorsey two of the principal Lawyers were on a Journey to Boston in Sept^r last when the Court should have been held, Scarcely any Business at all could be done, & therefore the two Justices who reside in Town & M^r Darnal only just met & adjourned the Court, by which means I was deprived of the Opportunity I expected of seeing All the Magistrates who were on the Bench when the abovementioned Affair was tried & as I thought it would not be prudent for me to write to them & require an Account of their Behaviour on that Occasion lest my Letters should hereafter fall into the hands of Persons

p. 136 that may be disposed to put an ill Interpretation on & make a bad use of Them, I defer making the Inquiry I promised till I have an Opportunity of Talking to them seperately. As the provincial Justices have after a formal Hearing determined that our Act of Assembly about which M^r Steuart presented a Memorial to His Ldp does not make the Importers of Convicts lyable to the Payment of any Duty I hope M^r Steuart will not give His Ldp any more Trouble on that Subject; for your Satisfaction I shall transmit you a Transcript of the Record containing the Determination of the Court. I presume that you have by this time received an Account of the entire Reduction of Canada, Be pleased to accept my hearty Congratulations on this happy & most interesting Event which has I suppose occasioned more Joy in these Colonies than any Thing that has before happened since they were first Settled; An Event that will I hope unless some fatal Accident should happen in Europe pave the Way for a speedy honourable & lasting Peace, be productive of many great Advantages to all these Colonies, & much increase the Power Trade & Wealth of Great Britain. As I apprehend that the several Draughts, Maps, & Papers, which have been at times presented to me by M^r Emory & M^r Evans, & which I have transmitted to you & also the Maps Journals & other Papers which were transmitted by the Commissioners who were appointed by the late Lord can be of no Use to His Ldp or you since His Ldp has entered into New Articles of Agreement with the Proprietaries of Pens^a I should be glad if you would be pleased to return those papers to me as we may perhaps have Occasion