

Letter Bk. IV the Pennsylvania Comm^{rs} & us what I have mentioned it was thought expedient to have another Meeting before the 6th of July to which Day we at our last Meeting adjourned in order to give the Surveyors farther Instructions either to discontinue their Work till the Beginning of August when those Stars will again transit the Meridian at an hour the Surveyors can take an Observation by them or to agree upon some other Method of taking an Observation. The Commissioners are to meet this Day at Chester Town, on the part of the Proprietors of Pennsylv^a Mess^{rs} Peters Chew Allen & Lardner, & on behalf of His Ldp I believe M^r Bordley M^r Leeds & the Rev^d M^r Barclay the Rector of All Hallows Parish whom on Account of his Knowledge in the Mathematicks & the good opinion I entertain of him I have appointed in the Stead of M^r Dulany, I should have gone myself had I not been afflicted last Saturday with a Fit of the Fever & Ague which I was afraid would return again, & M^r Ridout is rendered incapable at present to take such a Journey having for this Week past been troubled with very severe Fits of that Disorder, the Seeds of which were he thinks imbibed at a place called Marshy Hope in Dorchester County whither we went the Week before last to see how the Surveyors were proceeding. M^r Dulany having signified to me that he is to leave Annapolis next Thursday in order to embark on Board a Ship that will sail from Potuxent the 26th Inst I this morning signed a Commission for him as Deputy Secretary & shall to Morrow appoint M^r Ridout Commissary Gen^l in his Stead, M^r Dulany has been with me since I sent him his Commission & promises to execute a Bond for the payment of £300 stg a year to you as soon as his Brother who is to be his Surety comes to Town, which he will this Evening or to Morrow, but I apprehend from what M^r Dulany said that he will endeavour to have that Sum reduced to what Col^o Tasker paid you. His sole Design as he tells me in undertaking such a Voyage is to carry home his Son & with hopes that it will remove an Obstruction which he is afraid is forming in his Liver & that in Case the Voyage gives him Relief he shall immediately return again to Maryland; being asked this Afternoon when he was with me whether he would in Case His Ldp & you should when he arrives be at Epsom wait on you there he said he did not know that he should, nevertheless I dare say you will see him very soon after his Arrival for I cannot conceive that he can think of going to England & return without paying His Ldp & Yourself a Visit—Inclosed I will send you a Copy of the Bond which he is to execute not thinking it proper without your Order to venture the Original, perhaps you may think it better to prevail on him to execute a similar Bond to you in England with