

Letter Bk. IV transmitted the Letters I wrote to His Ldp & you & 20th & 22^d of Dec^r last were arrived in England after a very short passage I was in hopes that I should by M^r Plater or by some Vessel of the Fleet have been favoured with a Line from you but as it is now almost two months since the Ships arrived & no Letter has been presented to me I conclude that none was sent, however as I should be very glad to receive answers to those Letters I entertain hopes that it will not be long before I have that Satisfaction. In my Letter dated the 22^d of Dec^r last I advised you of some Difficulties which the Sheriff of Worcester County was under about collecting the Land Tax & other Taxes from such People as have been hitherto deemed to be in that County notwithstanding their Plantations lye on the North Side of the Line which was run from Fenwix's Island & at the same time I sent you a Copy of M^r Goldsborough Opinion & Answers to several Queries relative to such Difficulties which had been submitted to his Consideration, Since that time I have likewise inclosed you M^r Bordley's answers to the same & three other queries & intimated to you that the articles were lying before M^r Dulany for his opinion also as I was willing to have the best Advice I could on a matter of such Consequence. Having kept the Parchments & queries many weeks without favouring me with an answer p. 207 to the Letter I had therewith sent him he was pleased just before he embarked to return them to me together with a Paper, which that you may be the better able to judge of his manner & of his Desire to give me Satisfaction I now inclose you, together with the queries, not knowing really whether he intended the Contents of it as a full answer to the Queries or for what purpose he sent it to me. Having since he embarked for England received such Information as leaves me no room to doubt but he is determined in case a Clerkship should become vacant to appoint his Brother in Law M^r Hedges of Cæcil County to such Office I think it my Duty to intimate as much to you that if you should be averse to such a proceeding you may take proper Measures to prevent it. The Person in question as I hinted to you in my Letter dated the 19th of April was about seven years ago at the Instance of M^r Dulany appointed Sheriff of Cecil County, by which means you know he was authorized to collect the Quit Rents & several Taxes imposed by sundry Acts of Assembly but sorry am I to inform you that he would pay neither till compelled by a Suit at Law & tho he did upon being sued settle with the Agent for the Quit Rents he has not yet accounted for some of the Taxes that he collected which has laid me under the necessity of Ordering the Attorney Gen^l to file a Bill in Chancery against him in order to bring him to Account for the publick Money