

agreed with M^r Carroll for a Peice of ground on w^h he intends to Build as early as possible this summer coming his Lord^{ps} office of Rec^r Gen^l N. B. it must be very sufficiently Constructed, with an Apartm^t &c^a at least for a Clerk, he must have to reside there for his Corespondence & there must be Rooms & with Divisions, Desks & shelves & Drawers to place & Lock up all Deeds & papers &c^a belonging as well as all his Lord^{ps} Mathematical Inst^{ts} belonging, & at w^h office all his Lord^{ps} transactions belon^s to his Office of Rec^r partout, must be there held, Issued & taken, & of w^h fair Books, Ledgers & Entrys must be made to avoid all confusion. I hope the spot on w^h the Building is to be Erected will sufficiently admit additional Buildings & have extension of ground to contain all matter & things necessary for the residence of the Rec^r Gen^l M^r Penn says, he has well considered this Point at Philadelphia City; where he says his office is compleat. If y^r direction & circumspection is not given to this real Necessary object by plan from y^r Approbation & regulated by y^r influence & care, the Establishm^t & Expence will produce Nothing, therefore Pray y^r attention as satisfaction to his Lord^p & relieve him from his anxiety, th^t he may know the Happiness of his real subsistance in Life the only means to regulate his Honour due to others, & well to his mind's content. I Question much whether any Rule has been observed in the Planning of any City of any Spots of ground for Public Edifices & market places with some allowance of ground in any City or Town, & its Environs reserves to the Lord Proprietor of Maryland has ever been observed to the Lord Proprietors & his Heirs, this I fear has not been attended to except a penny p^r Lot of ground, my suspicion I ground as p^r Lot of ground now to be purchased in the City of Annapolis of M^r Charles Carrol, whose sire was the planner of that City, I think in Queen Ann's time, & was during my Grandfather his sole manager & Rec^r Gen^l & in part of time for the late Lord or his family, originally no better than Irish Beggar Papists, routed by Gov^r Hart, who evinced the Late Lord Proprietor of his insufferable unjust wrongs, & by a scheme well grounded by alteration of the receipt of Quit Rent &c^a taken no longer p^r Hogshead on Tobacco compromis'd Bill by Act of Assembly during only three years, then to be re-enacted; the dread of this Bill not passing the Lo. H. always upon passing took opportunity to enfringe on the Proprietors' rights, depending for certain, if the Lord Proprietor object'd the Terror of the Bill, than he would throw himself out of receipt of money for his Quit Rents &c^a this being the case occasioned the pass of that Bill at home; But Gov^r Hart had countermined that imposition by search into the value of Quit