

Letter Bk. IV fair Impression it must I think appear a little odd to Courts there to see papers from hence produced there under a Seal which any Body might by reason of its making so bad an Impression on the Wax easily counterfeit. Besides a Great Seal as large as that at present used, there should I think be one about the Size of a Crown Piece lodged in the Chancery Office for Sealing Writs for there seems to be some Impropriety I think in affixing to such Process a Seal rather larger than the Paper. In my Letter dated the 28th of Decem^r I informed you that a Bill had during the late Session of Assembly been sent to the Upper House for the Establishment of a College in this Town & for appropriating towards the Support of the Masters a Sum of Money to be raised annually by the Imposition of a Fine on ordinary Lycences. The Bill itself was voluminous containing not only what immediately related to the Establishment & Regulation of the proposed College but also the whole Ordinary Lycence Act excepting the Clauses by which the Lycence Fines were then otherwise applied, but I now send you in a seperate Sheet the Substance of the Bill that was now offered & also Copies of the Messages that passed between the two Houses thereupon, As almost every Body seemed desirous to have a College or publick Seminary of Learning founded here Endeavours were used by some Members to bring the Upper House into a Conference on the Bill but it was waved for that time & the Bill referred for farther Consideration however as I doubt not but it will be revived again next Session & vigorously pushed by the Lower House while there is a Majority even in the Upper House that think the Ordinary Lycence Fines could not be applied to a better purpose, I do not know but it might fall to my share to throw the Bill under the Table on Account of His Ldp's Claim to the Lycence Fines, wherefore I hope you will consider this Affair attentively & if you see it in a light at all different from that in which it has hitherto appeared to you, you will not I flatter myself delay to send me farther Instructions; & particularly I should be glad to know whether in Case I should be obliged to reject a College Bill or any other on Account of the Application of Ordinary Lycence Fines you would have me signify to the Assembly my Reason for taking such a Step. If the House which was begun & planned for the Residence of a Governor & which was by the Bill in question directed to be finished for the Use of the College Masters is not soon covered in & fitted up I believe the Walls will be scarcely worth preserving & as the Assembly have now taken it into their heads that it would serve for a College I am afraid they never will agree to finish the Building for the use for which it was originally intended