

Letter Bk. IV taken the liberty to suppose they are much the same, & then to conclude that the Seeds of continual Discord must be sown with the first principles of Proprietary Governments as if there were Disputes in such Governments only when in fact the warm Contests in many of the other Colonies & even in Great Britain at this very time shew that his Observation cannot with any degree of propriety be confined to Pennsylvania & this Province. The Itch of Scribbling having for some time infected the Philadelphia Politicians is at last brought into this Province, for you will by an inclosed Pamphlet entitled "Remarks" &c. perceive that some Person or other acquainted with our Assembly's Transactions & prompted as he would have it supposed by a true Zeal for Liberty & the Welfare of the Province has taken an Opportunity when Men's Passions were rouzed by the Pamphlets published in Pennsylvania to revive an Affair which upon the Assembly's passing it over in Silence last Session was almost forgotten here & to take the Upper House severely to Task for the Message they sent to the Lower at the End of the Session held in April 1762, by the way throwing a good Deal of Dirt at M<sup>r</sup> Bordley & M<sup>r</sup> Ridout in particular the supposed Penmen but in that Supposition they were quite mistaken for the latter had not the least Concern in it being at that time employed in drawing the long Message which I communicated to the Lower House the 23<sup>d</sup> of April in that Session & also the long Address of the Upper House to Me bearing Date the 24<sup>th</sup> of the same Month. As you have already in your possession a Copy of the Address which the Gentlemen of the Council severally signed & presented to me on its being intimated to them that it had been suggested the Appointment of M<sup>r</sup> Ridout to a Seat in the Council was by no means agreeable to them I shall not say any thing more on that head presuming that both His Ldp & yourself were thereby perfectly satisfied of the Falsehood of such a Suggestion now repeated in the Pamphlet, & as you could not after perusing my Letters dated the 17<sup>th</sup> of October 1760 19<sup>th</sup> of April 1761, 15<sup>th</sup> of Feb<sup>r</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> May 1762 be at a loss to account for the pains which had been taken by some to lessen M<sup>r</sup> Ridout in His Ldp's & your opinion while at the same time they were as wickedly employed here in representing him as a person too much devoted to His Lordships Service to entertain a good Wish for the Welfare of the Province, I thing it unnecessary to make any farther Observations on that part of the Remarks which appears to be particularly level'd at him than that while the Author seems anxious to have it believed that the Rest of the Council were dissatisfied at having that Gentleman among Them he represents him as