

Letter Bk. IV or Taxes on the Inhabitants of the province He was then granting to His Ldp's Ancestor but that such Inhabitants should be exempt from the payment of all Taxes except what might be imposed by themselves or their Constituents with the Consent of the Lord Proprietary: thus much I thought it my Duty to intimate to you that if you please you may take Advice thereupon. As you are pleased to tell me in that part of Your Letter which bears Date the 30th of March that "other Correspondents & Merchants in London had said the last Session of Assembly here had been a very warm one & that men there as about me were mischievous," I cannot help expressing to you my Wishes to be informed who such Correspondents & mischievous Persons are that I may in some measure guard against their Misrepresentations. how warm the Proceedings were during that Session the Journals long since transmitted will shew you for my own part I thought there was a good deal of Business done & as much harmony as could well be expected, there was indeed a Dispute or two between the two Houses but it is I think rather too late in the Day for such Accidents to give any Alarm or the least uneasiness to any Concerned in the Administration of the Govern'. Since the Conclusion of that Session there has been no Disturbance in the province but every thing remains quiet & the Business of Government has been carried on with as little noise or Difficulty as it ever was perhaps since the Settlement of the Province while at the same time the Inhabitants of Pennsylvania have expressed their Aversion to the Proprietors Govern' in the most flagrant Terms, Riots & Outrages have been there committed & the Province been a Scene of Disorder & Discontent. With my last Letter I transmitted you a Pamphlet which had been lately published there with a View of Diverting the People from applying for a Change of Govern' I now send you an answer to that Pamphlet under the Title of a Speech made by one of their Assembly Men with a Preface said to be wrote by M^r Franklin who is the principal Person concerned in raising the Resentment of the People against the Proprietors & as he takes such Steps while his Son is a King's Governor in the next Colony many Persons are induced to think that he knows the Steps he is taking are not disagreeable to the present Ministry. There have I perceive by the Pennsylvan^a Gazettes been some Murders committed by Indians on the Frontiers of that province, but it is with satisfaction I tell you that not the least Mischief has been done by them during the whole Summer on our Frontier nor has an Indian that I can learn been discovered within the Limits of this Province. Tho I wrote some Weeks ago to the Reverend M^r Bacon concerning D^r Wilsons Complaint against him I have not yet