

Letter Bk. IV The Acts are at length all printed & I now send you Copies of the last of them, & as soon as some Copies of the Index & Preface can be printed the Books will be bound & exposed to Sale; as soon as they are I shall transmit you some of them with the Great Seal appendant to be lodged in the Council Office & delivered to the Board of Trade. I cannot send you a better Impression than I sometime ago sent you of our Provincial Seal, which is so much worn that the Letters engraved on it are almost effaced, I hope therefore you will be able to instruct a Workman to make a new Seal by some of the Impressions on Wax that were formerly transmitted, else in a few years more we shall have no Great Seal at all & as I sometime ago observed to you we have none at present fit to seal the Writs & other Chancery Court Process. I expect M<sup>r</sup> Holliday will come over the Bay next Week to the Adjourn'd Provincial Court when I shall advise him of His Ldp's Instruction appointing him a Member of the Council & will also acquaint Col<sup>o</sup> Hooper the first Opportunity with the Instruction in his favour you will see by one of the inclosed Gazettes that on my Receipt of His Ldp's Instruction to appoint M<sup>r</sup> Walter Dulany Naval Officer of Potuxent I ordered a Commission to be made out for him & superseded M<sup>r</sup> Ross who has not now any Office under the Govern<sup>t</sup> Doctor Scott having been long ago appointed Clerk of the Council in pursuance as you may remember of His Ldp's pleasure signified to me while he was on his Travels. I a few Days ago prevailed on Col<sup>o</sup> Lloyd to come over the Bay & desired M<sup>r</sup> Dulany the Judges of the Land Office & the Attorney Gen<sup>l</sup> to meet him at my House in order to see & consider the Instruction His Ldp hath been pleased to give for the Sale of several of his Mannours, & also of that respecting the People settled on part of Talbot Mannour. When we were met & the Instruction had been read by every Gentleman Col<sup>o</sup> Lloyd told us that altho the Instruction speaks of the Mannours therein specified as uncultivated waste Land yielding no Profit & seems on that Account purely to direct the Sale of them They were all tenanted, at least a considerable part of each, & were leas'd on Lives many years before he had any thing to do with them; he also produced Lists of the Tenants on some of them & said he has regularly accounted for the Rents received, which indeed do not amount to any considerable Sum, the Rents being very low, for the most part I think not exceeding Ten shillings a year for a hundred Acres. The only Reserve that I know of except those intended only to prevent Incroachments being made on the Mannours is of the large Tract of Land in Baltimore County which goes by the Name of His Ldp's Reserve, & by what I can learn all the