

Letter Bk. IV Words prescribed by his Instruction must be adhered to or not, at the same time I cannot help hinting that to vary now from the usual Form of the Condition inserted in the Patents relative to the Lands reverting to His Ldp for non payment of the Alienation Fine might by ill disposed Persons be said to proceed from a Consciousness in His Ldp or those employed in his Service that such old Conditional Clause of Forfeiture is really defective. Had not my Lord already taken his Resolution with regard to the Sale directed by his Instruction, or if I may take the liberty to offer my Opinion thereon I should indeed be far from advising His Ldp to part with any of his Mannours or Reserve Lands, but if possible to have every part of them leased on some Terms or other, so that they may add something annually to his Revenue, for if it is worth the while of Gentlemen here to purchase Lands at this time at a pretty high price with no other View than to lease them out hereafter when Patent Land is not to be obtained, It must I think answer as well for His Ldp to keep what Mannours he has especially if he can now get Tenants for them, & I am confident that if His Ldps Mannours were but managed agreeable to the Plan I sometime ago recommended & as many Persons in the Province would manage them were they their own, the Rents of them would soon amount to a considerable Sum & hereafter become the most valuable Part of the Lord Proprietary's Estate, but really It cannot be expected that a person of so large Estate as Col<sup>o</sup> Lloyd possesses in different parts of the Province & else where & distracted with his own private Business should give so much Attention to His Ldp's & particularly to the Concerns of his Mannours (none of which I believe he ever saw) as would be necessary to bring them under proper Regulations, & to make them yield a Rent adequate to their Value. By the Instruction relative to such part of Talbot Mannour as lies Northward of the Temporary Line but will upon the Articles of Agreement being carried into Execution fall into Cæcil County His Ldp impowers his Agent with my Approbation to grant Leases for a certain Term to Persons in possession of such part of said Mannour & on such Rents as they may have hitherto paid the Proprietors of Pennsylvania, but as those people or at least many of them never acknowledged themselves Tenants to the Proprietors of Pennsylvania but having taken possession or bought out such as had hold & are determined to keep possession till some Body can oust them by shewing a better Title, we know not what Terms His Ldp would have us offer such people, whether he would grant them Leases for ninety nine years renewable forever on the Rent of Twenty shillings a year as the Rest of the Tenants