

Letter Bk. IV the Stamp Act, I did not for my part expect they would meet with any other Reception but I can assure you the Colonies that sent them highly resent it. You will judge by the inclosed Gazettes what kind of Spirit the Passing of the Stamp Act has raised throughout North America, & should it be kept alive I don't know but it might sometime hence have mischievous Effects but if the Parliament do not at the next Session lay any new Burthen or Restraint on the Colonies, the Resentment of the Colonists will probably dye away, tho I really think the people here will in consequence of the Uproar go upon Manufactures, & endeavour to discourage the Importation of such Quantities of Goods as have for some years past been imported hither from Great Britain you long ago heard that a general Peace was made by S^r Will^m Johnson with all the Indians in North America with whom the English Inhabitants had any Intercourse but I perceive by a late Northern Gazette that the Garrison of Detroit are not without some Apprehensions of being attacked again this Summer. The Frontier Inhabitants of these Colonies however are not now under the least Dread, but they retain such a hatred towards the Indians that it seems they have met several times on the Frontiers of Pennsylv^a in a riotous manner to destroy Quantities of Goods particularly Arms & Ammunition which some people were carrying towards Pittsburg for the Indians who are permitted to come & trade at that Post. The Lett^r for W^m Shaw that you inclosed in yours of the 2^d of April I have caused to be forwarded to him & have also sent the Lett^r address't to M^r Will^m Baxter to his Son for M^r Baxter himself has I think been dead these three years & as he was sometime before disabled for Business I presume that nothing was done by him under the Power of Attorney which M^{rs} Mary Rhodes & her two Sisters had Impowered M^r John Price to send him. They will therefore I suppose think proper to send a Power of Attorney to some other person here authorizing him to demand & receive from the Widow of M^r Anthony Rhodes (a part of whose Estate they claim) what shall appear to be due to them, & with the Power of Attorney (which should be executed in the presence of two Witnesses one of whom at least must here prove its Execution) the Claimants should transmit the person they may constitute their Attorney here the best Evidence they can produce of their being the Sisters & the only Heirs at Law of the M^r Anthony Rhodes who lived at the Kingsbury Furnace in this province & died here in January 1761. The power should also authorize him to enter on & take possession of such Lands & other real Estate as the said M^r Rhodes may have died possess't of & (if they please) to sell the same when recovered at publick Sale or otherwise for