

taken before the Agent could give us more certain Information with regard to such particulars which he has promised to do as soon as possible, but if the Mannours or any parts of them are then to be sold M^r Dulany said he would advise an Alteration to be made in that Clause of the Patent which is intended to secure the payment of the Alienation Fine for that the Form your Ldp has prescribed by the Instruction is not in Law sufficient for the purpose ; & with regard to the Instruction relative to Talbot Mannour I should be glad to know whether your Ldp would have Leases granted for or any thing done about that part of it which lies northward of the Temporary Line even before the Articles of Agreement for running the Dividing Lines is carried into compleat Execution for I understood from the Articles that no Lands were to be granted contiguous to the Boundary Lines till the whole Work could be finished ; And I must also observe to your Ldp that very few if any of the People who live on that part of Talbot Mannour which lies in Pennsylvania pay any Rents at present to the Proprietors of Pennsylvania, but pretend to hold under mesne Conveyances down from Col^o Talbot the Patentee, now the Agent as well as myself would be glad to know on what Terms your Ldp would give Leases to such of those people as may be willing to take them whether you would let them have Leases at Twenty shillings for a hundred Acres p^r Annum for Ninety nine years renewable for Ever as most of the other Tenants have & what proceedings are to be had in order to oust such of the Possessors as will not acknowledge Your Ldp's Right for that such will be found among them will I am told be certainly the Case, & at this time there is in Philad^a one Maypoth^r who it's said sets up a Claim to the whole Mannour & is engaging some Lawyers there & in this Province to try to recover it, but I cannot yet learn on what he founds his Title or Pretensions. Your Ldp's Instruction in favour of Col^o Hooper shall be made known to that Gentleman the first Opportunity, & I doubt not but both he & M^r Holliday will approve themselves worthy of your Ldp's Regard. It gives me much satisfaction to find that the Conduct of a Majority of the Upper House when the Affair of the Ordinary Lycences came under Deliberation during the last Session met with your Ldp's Approbation, & I observe with pleasure what your Ldp both in your Instruction & in your Letter are pleased to say & to direct with regard to that Affair in case it should at the next Session be again brought on the Carpet, but as by a Clause of the Stamp Act lately pass't in Great Britain the Governors of the several Colonies where Ordinaries are not already regulated by Act of Assembly are impowered & directed after the first Day of November