

Letter Bk.IV same time would get the Interest annually accruing, which as the Scheme supposes would in the ten years amount to between fourteen & fifteen Thousand pounds stg enough with the Surplus that would remain & a small Addition to be another Fund for a future Emission at the Expiration of such ten years. For some Weeks after the Assembly met there was the greatest harmony between the two Houses, but when at length the Journal of Accounts was brought on the Carpet & the Lower House refused to make the Clerk of the Council the usual Allowance of his Annual Salary from the year 1756 when the last Journal was assented to some pretty warm Messages passed between the two Houses on the Occasion of which if they can be transcribed in time I shall by this Conveyance transmit Copies to M^r Calvert but doubt whether it will be in my power to do so, as they are very long & the Ship just upon her Departure. As I have informed M^r Calvert what Progress Mess^{rs} Mason & Dixon have made this Summer in running the East & West Line, what they are doing at present & what remains to be done & have also inclosed him a Copy of the Minutes of the Commissioners Proceedings at their Meeting the 16th of November I shall not trouble your Ldp at this time with any thing relative to that Affair which if a New Commission prolonging the time allowed for doing the Business to next December arrives here before April will I hope before this time twelve month be compleatly finished. His Majestys Sloop the Hawke Capt Browne having arrived here about three Weeks ago with a parcel of the Stamp Paper destined for this Province will I expect remain with us during the Winter for as the Person appointed to distribute the Stamps in this Province continues still at New York & the Paper could not be landed here without great Danger of its being destroyed by the Populace there being no place of Security in which it could be lodged I have by Advice of the Council (the Lower House declining to give me any Advice about it) desired Captain Browne to keep it on board his Ship till some Instructions shall be sent from England about the Disposal of it, for as yet I have not for my part received any Letter from the Secretary of State Board of Trade or any other Office on the Subject of the Stamp Act nor any Copy of it. As M^r Calvert will communicate to your Ldp what I have related to him concerning a Proceeding of the Justices of Frederick County in a late Case which was brought before them purposely as I understand to make them act in violation of the Stamp Law I will not trouble your Ldp here with a particular Account of it, from that Proceeding & the Desire of the People that Business shall go on as usual I am apprehensive that if the Inhabitants of the Northern Colo-