

Letter Bk. IV shut up went in a Body to the Judges & insisted on its being opened so that Writs may issue as usual without Stamp paper & in order to prevent farther Clamour or Disturbance the Judges so far complied with their Demand as to make an Order to that Effect & then Adjourn'd the Court to the 21st of next July at which time as we have now received an Account of the Stamp Acts being certainly repealed the Court will sit & proceed to Business in the usual manner. I find by several Letters in which M^r Hamersley has been so kind as to communicate to me what passed in the two Houses of Parliament relative to the Repeal of the Stamp Act that it has not been carried without great Opposition & Difficulty & that it is at length repealed not on the principle contended for by the Colonies but purely out of regard to the Commercial Interests of Great Britain: Whatever was the Motive for the Repeal the Measure will I flatter myself be immediately productive of the best Consequences, the Restoration of Tranquillity to the Colonies & of mutual Intercourse & Affection between His Majesty's British & American Subjects. In the Letter I did myself the honour to write to your Ldp the 24th Dec^r last I advised you of the Dispute which had when the Journal or payment of the Publick Debt came under their Consideration arisen between the two Houses of Assembly on this Question whether the usual Allowance should or should not be made to the late & present Clerk of your Ldp's Council The Upper House insisting on his being paid, & the Lower alledging that if he was to be paid at all he ought to be satisfied out of some of the Revenues which are received by your Ldp or your Lieut Governor. In order to shew the unreasonableness of the Lower House in making such a Point & to satisfy the Minds of such as questioned your Ldp's Right M^r Dulany & M^r Ridout after an End was put to the Session resolved to examine into & communicate to the publick whatever Discoveries they could make relative to the Shilling p^r Hhd payable on Tob^o exported, the Tonnage Duty & Fines & Forfeitures & the same hath been since done in a Pamphlet that M^r Dulany with my Approbation sent to the Press of which I shall now transmit your Ldp a Copy. Whether it will entirely answer the End of printing it I cannot yet tell as it was not published till about three Weeks ago but am inclined to think the Facts therein stated & the Arguments thereon will satisfy such as will peruse the pamphlet without prejudice that your Ldp's Right to those Branches of your Revenue is as clear as to any other part of your Private Estate nevertheless as the Lower House have Resolved with great Solemnity that they will not make the Clerk of the Council the usual Allowance on the Journal It will I am afraid be some