

to emit a paper Currency for the payment of the Publick Debt. The Commissions by which His Ldp & the Proprietors of Pennsylvania have protracted the Time for running & finishing the Dividing Lines to the last of December next having arrived just before the Day to which the Commissioners had adjourned they met to give the Surveyors Instructions to proceed & I suppose Mess^{rs} Mason & Dixon have by this time extended the Line almost as far Westward as Fort Cumberland. I observe what you intimate about the Royal Society's Request to His Ldp with respect to those Gentlemen & the Instruments & shall when they have finished the Lines give Orders accordingly. You will see by an Extract of a Letter which I inclose that I wrote last Summer to M^r Calvert on the Subject which the Earl of Strafford mentions to you in his Letter, if the Parties concerned are at a Loss whom to appoint their Attorney here they may if they please address the power to M^r Ridout my Secretary. I have call'd on all the Sheriffs for a particular Account of the Forty p^r poll by them paid last year to the several Rectors of Parishes throughout the Province & as soon as I receive such their Accounts I will transmit His Ldp such a State shewing the Annual Value of all the parishes & the names of the Incumbents as I sent M^r Calvert a year or two after my Arrival in the Province. There are at this Time Livings vacant each of them worth about £150 stg p^r Ann but I suppose the Oxford Gentleman whom My Lord is desirous to serve would not think it worth while to come to America for so small a Living, if any better should become vacant I shall not fail to advise His Ldp or you thereof. I know both the M^r Chamiers whom M^r Janssen is pleased to recommend to His Ldp for Favour, one of them lives as you say with Col^o Lloyd as a Clerk & the other keeps a small Distillery in Baltimore Town, but how to serve either of them I really do not know the Sheriffs Offices being the only ones at my Disposal. M^r Jordan having arrived here last Saturday sennight on the Monday following produced to M^r Dulany & Myself His Ldp's Commission & Instructions empowering & directing us to call for examine & adjust the Accounts of his Agent & Receiver General to this time to settle a Plan for the Annual Settlement of his Accounts hereafter & also to sell & dispose of His Ldp's Mannours & Reserved Lands. After perusing the Commission & Instructions we wrote a Letter to Col^o Lloyd advising him of the Powers confer'd on us & desired him to come over with his Accounts as soon as possible at farthest within a week so that we may without Delay proceed to Business & that we may be acquainted with their respective Circumstances & be able to advertise the Sale of the Mannours immediately we desired