

Letter Bk.IV him to bring or send us all the Plats & Rentals of them & all the Counterparts of Leases in his Possession. In answer to our Letter he has told us that by reason of his Wife's being extreme ill he cannot just now attend here himself but that he will send over his Clerk with his Accounts & the Vouchers & other Papers w<sup>ch</sup> we require, he has not however as yet performed his promise we wrote to him therefore again this Morning repeating & enforcing our Requisition & as soon as he complies we shall proceed to the Execution of His Ldp's Commission. As a great Number of People who had Suits depending in the several Courts at the Time the Stamp Act took place must by reason of the Courts Forbearance ever since to proceed to Business & by the Offices being shut up have suffered great Detriment unless an Act should pass for the Relief of such Suitors the Council advised me to let the Assembly meet at the Time to which they stood prorogued I met them therefore the 8<sup>th</sup> Inst & opened the Session with the inclosed Speech, the two Houses having since that time pass't the eight Bills of which I can at present send you only the Titles I last Night put an End to the Session & prorogued them to the 27<sup>th</sup> of October next. During the Course of this Session there was no Dispute or Contention at all between the two Houses, but it is my Duty to embrace the earliest Opportunity of informing His Ldp that when the Lower House sent to the Upper a Bill for Lycencing & Regulating Ordinaries or Publick Houses within this Province & I understood the Members of the Upper House were inclined to pass it with a few Amendments which I apprehended the Lower House would agree to I laid before the Upper House the Instruction His Ldp was pleased to send me the 7<sup>th</sup> of Febr<sup>y</sup> 1765 restraining me from giving my Assent to any Law for Regulating Ordinaries unless the Money to be paid for the Lycences should be given to His Ldp or a Proviso inserted in the Act suspending its Execution for eighteen Months from the Time of its being pass't, but the Members of the Upper House observing that His Ldp by the Instruction apprehended They were for supporting his Claim to the Lycence Fines Resolved thereupon to declare their Sentiments with respect to that Matter which they have accordingly done in a Report & Address that I shall herewith transmit to you; Had the Lower House agreed to the Amendments proposed the Bill would have pass't both Houses, in which Case It would have remained with me to reject it, which I should have done & shall do notwithstanding the Councils Opinion & Report if the Bill is offered to me next Session unless His Ldp thinks proper to give me any Instructions to the Contrary. If His Ldp has already taken the opinion of any eminent Lawyer on