

Letter Bk. IV delivered to Me & M^r Dulany in Baltimore County I could not then write either to your Ldp or M^r Hamersley on the Subject of your Ldp's Instruction & his Letter bearing Date the 15th of May. Since that time I have had some Conversation with M^r Dulany on the Subject & shall by this Conveyance communicate to M^r Hamersley the Substance thereof & the Result. I wish My Lord I could give a Satisfactory Answer to the question M^r Hamersley asks me in Consequence of your Ldps Directions but really I do not know where any Burthen which might be taken off the Secretary's Office can be more properly placed; for as that of Commissary General is a Judicial Office, not held by Deputation nor supposed to be of equal Value while it requires constant Attendance It could not be laid on That which your Ldp knows is already burthened with the payment of one hundred Pounds & indeed when M^r Dulany was himself Commissary he thought it hard the Office (being Judicial) should be burthened at all: Was not the Land Office held by Two the Burthen on that might be raised & as your Ldp is not obliged to grant Lands but on your own Terms no one could complain if the Fees were something higher than in the Offices to which People are compelled to apply, as the Commissarys for Instance: The Agents Income has indeed of late years been very considerable but as the Sale of Vacant Land will now constantly lessen & the Mannours are to be immediately disposed of, that Office will become much less lucrative, & if upon Col Lloyds resigning or being removed the Office was divided between Two (which however I would by no means advise) It would scarcely bear any Burthen, nor do I suppose Col^o Lloyd if he continues to act as sole Agent will agree to any Additional Incumbrance & as to the other Offices little more than a genteel Support to those that enjoy them. I must therefore submit the Matter to your Ldps Consideration & pleasure being myself unable to point out as Matters are at present circumstanced how any Deficiencies are to be made good unless some or other of the Principal Offices I have mentioned should be vacated. Being apprehensive if I should continue here this Month that the extreme Heat would as it did last year bring on me the Ague & Fever I am going to Fred^k County where the Air is more temperate & shall during my stay there view & make myself acquainted with the Value of the two Mannours on Monocasy & Conegocheig which we shall I suppose soon advertise for Sale. On the 8th of next Month we are to put up to Sale some detached parcels or Tracts of Land held under Lease from your Ldp in this County & the 28th we have appointed for the sale of your Ldp's Mannour in Queen Anns County. We are also the Beginning of next Month to be again