

ence and concerns of the Province, in which every Department of Government is more or less Interested, & that the Appointments to his Provincial Secretary do not all together exceed the Common Stipend paid by all the Colonys to their Agent, and falls Short of the Allowance made by some of them, & those your nearest Neighbours, & that his Lordship the less expected this application from M^r Goldsborough, as he is not the only One of his Family who has tasted of his Lordships favours.

I have it in Especial Charge from his Lordship to Press the Execution of his different Commissions, particularly in respect to M^r Loyd. He seems much hurt in a Letter he has lately sent me at the Proceedings going on, & Complains of Reports he Imagines to have been Spread in the Province by M^r Jordan to his prejudice. What effect they may have there I know not, but am sure his Lordship will be Cautious of forming any Judgment here but upon the Joint Report of all his Commissioners, and the sooner he is favoured with it, the sooner will both he & M^r Loyd be at ease.

Your Excellency may have some recollection of the trouble given you a few years since in relation to the forfeited Manor, formerly Talbot's, upon Susquehannah River. His Lordship has lately received an Intimation but not from any of his Officers, of some late Attempts to dispossess him of that Manor, & that no Steward has been yet appointed to Receive the Rents, tho' there is £1000 Sterling in Arrear, & the Tenants are willing to pay, at least upon a proper Indemnity against the late Claimant. His Lordship Prays your Excellencies particular Attention to this Business, and that you will give the necessary Instructions to the proper Officers & See them executed, and If any further Attack should be made upon the Tenants to have it properly Defended.

As his Lordship will probably be soon recompenced on the Western Shoar for what he Loses on the Eastern, which may produce many Applications for new Grants at the Land Office, Will not this Afford a good opportunity for raising the Quit rents on the New Grants to Eight Shillings p^r hundred Acres, as none but the finest Lands will be at first applied for, & may it not be proper to Lay out Two or Three Manors, with a Sufficient Reserve round them to prevent Encroachments and preserve the Boundaries. But then his Lordship wishes no new Patents to Issue without Clauses of Re Entry in default of Payment of the Reserved Rents, & no new Leases to be made for more than 21 years & both Patents and Leases & all derivative Assignm^{ts} to be recorded in the Provincial Courts, that he may always know his Tenants & when & where to apply for his Rents & Alienation Fines. If these