

Letter Bk.IV two other Parcels of Collington Mannour that have been sold viz One Tract of 134½ Acres & the other containing sixty eight Acres as your Ldp will see by the inclosed Account of Sales. One of the purchasers to make up the Sum due from him paid five shillings & three pence in Cash which must for the present remain in my hands as it would not be worth while to remit a Bill for so small a Sum. I am My Ld &c.

[Sharpe to Hamersley.]

Copy of 8th Letter to M^r Hamersley. Dated Annapolis 20th Nov^r 1766. transmitted by Capt Montgomerie.

D^r S^r

The Day on which His Ldps Mannour in Kent County is to be put up to Sale agreeable to our Advertisement being at hand M^r Dulany M^r Jordan (who returned two Days ago from Virg^a) & I are just going over the Bay to attend the Sale so that I have not Time to write a long Letter but as there is a Ship here ready to sail for London I embrace the Opportunity to inform you that the two Houses of Assembly have at length this Morning agreed to pass the Journal of Accounts & pay off the Publick Debt with some kind of Bills of Credit emitted on our Fund in the Bank & I presume it will be done on some such Plan as I communicated to you about a year ago. The Affair of the Clerk of the Council's Salary is settled in this Manner that a Sum equal to his Claim shall be paid into the hands of the Treasurers & by them let out on Interest until the Dispute can be carried home before the King & Council & be there determined. Should it be determined in favour of the Clerk's Claim (which is supported by precedents ever since the Revolution) the Sum deposited in the Treasurers hands with the Interest accrued thereon is to be immediately paid him, but should the Determination be against the usual Allowance such Money is then to remain for the use of the Province. As the two Houses could not agree on the Point of Supporting two Agents the Lower House or rather such as approve the measure for they were far from being unanimous propose to raise by Subscription a Sum for the purpose of defraying the Expence of the Appeal but I am apt to think they will be sick of it before it can be brought to an Issue. That you may be thoroughly prepared I shall as soon as possible furnish you with authentic Copies & Extracts from the Records of the Precedents the Upper House rely on & also ample Evidence that the Fines & Forfeitures have never been applied to such purpose, for the Point the Lower House will insist on is that the Clerk of the Council ought to be paid out of those incidental Revenues which we insist are as much