

Letter Bk. IV Mannours that nothing in those Settlements whatever might have been reported of them could restrain your Ldp as you are at present circumstanced from selling the Mannours the Settlements having been often mentioned in the Province tho Nobody here had before seen them nor could positively say how far they were intended to operate. Being apprehensive from the surprize your Ldp expresses at a Letters being sent to M<sup>r</sup> Calvert relative to Ann Arundel Mannour that you are displeas'd at its having been wrote I think it necessary to inform your Ldp that the Commissioners were unanimously of opinion M<sup>r</sup> Calverts Conduct made such a Step necessary else I am sure I should not have applied to him nor did we consider it as making Application for his Leave or Consent. The Reasons that induc'd the Commissioners to advertize the Sale of that Mannour in the first place were that the Land was valuable & likely to sell high & that by the Sale of that Mannour a considerable Sum might be rais'd at once & remitted to your Ldp & as the Steward had already a Platt of the several Tenements & the Mannour was not far from Annapolis we could more easily & speedily know the Value of the Land & the Improvements thereon & how every Tenement was held or circumstanced; At the time we advertized it for Sale we never expected the least Obstruction would be given thereto by M<sup>r</sup> Calvert for M<sup>r</sup> Dulany then said he had understood from M<sup>r</sup> Calvert himself that he had for his part dropt all Pretensions to it, but soon after it was advertized M<sup>r</sup> Jordan heard that M<sup>r</sup> Calvert had cautioned People against purchasing; sensible how prejudicial such a Report would be to the Sale & at the same time concluding from what M<sup>r</sup> Dulany had said that M<sup>r</sup> Calvert when applied to would disavow the having given such Cautions we thought it expedient & for your Ldp's Interest to call on him to declare whether he had done so or not, that if he should deny the Accusation we might produce his Letter at the Sale & if he avowed it that we may put off the Sale till we could inform Ourselves more certainly of his Pretensions & be able to answer such questions as we expected the Purchasers would ask in case the Mannour was set up. As your Ldp will long before this comes to hand have received a joint Letter from the Commissioners wrote in Consequence of M<sup>r</sup> Dulanys Opinion upon a Perusal of the State that was transmitted by M<sup>r</sup> Hamersley to M<sup>r</sup> Jordan I shall not trouble your Ldp again on the Subject, neither M<sup>r</sup> Jordan nor I can pretend to understand much of the Law we must therefore rely much on M<sup>r</sup> Dulanys Opinion which indeed will also have great Weight & Influence with such as may be inclined to become Purchasers. As your Ldp in your Letter of the 6<sup>th</sup> of Nov<sup>r</sup>