

expresses an earnest Desire that all the Mannours & particularly that of Ann Arundel should be immediately sold at all Events I communicated such your Ldp's Desire to the other Commissioners who thereupon agreed that it should be again advertized for Sale but not be sold before June so that there might be time for us to receive an answer to our joint Letter & the Proposition that accompanied it & as the Market for Tobacco will then begin here the Tenants or other Planters who may choose to purchase will be able to command more ready Money or Bills of Exchange than they could do earlier in the year. We shall likewise advertise the other Mannours successively for Sale so that they may be put up immediately afterwards & for that purpose the Surveyors are now running out & making distinct Platts of each & of the several Tenements without which we should not know how to set them up in proper Lotts & at a Price proportionable to their Value, the Agent being unable to give us any satisfactory Information about them or indeed to furnish us with a Correct Rent Roll of the Tenants on several of them. Col^o Lloyd having come hither the 20th of last Month according to Appointment We have been employed ever since in examining his several Accounts but were not able to go thro them so as to make a Report thereon at this time but having made a rough Estimate of the Money in his hands we required him to remit the same to your Ldp by this Ship of M^r Jordans which is about to sail from Virginia for which purpose he is returned home but on the 9th Inst is to attend here again in order that we may proceed & if possible put a finishing hand to this Business. That your Ldp has suffered Loss by Col^o Lloyds Dilitoriness or by his Inability to attend to & manage properly the multifarious Business of the Agents Office is I believe apparent to himself as well as to the Commissioners, & I suppose he thought himself that he had too many Offices when about five or six years ago he applied to M^r Calvert for Leave to resign that of Keeper of the Western Shore Rent Roll but as I presume the other Commissioners & I shall soon join in a Report to your Ldp & submit to your Consideration a Plan for the future Guidance of the Agent I forbear troubling your Ldp with my Sentiments of the past or my opinion about the future Management of your Ldp's Revenue. It having been found by Experience that the Quit Rents of the Counties which have been farmed to the Sheriffs agreeable to M^r Calverts Scheme & your Ldps Instruction have not been so regularly collected & by them paid the Agent as the Rents which other Persons farmed & the Commissioners being convinced that the Sheriffs are not so likely to collect the Rents punctually as Persons who having not the Duties of any