

Letter Bk.IV publick Office to attend can devote their whole Time to the Collection of such Rents & do themselves what the Sheriffs must necessarily leave to be done by their Deputies we have agreed to take the Farming of the Quit Rents entirely out of the Sheriffs hands as soon as responsible Persons in the several Counties can be found to farm them, & in order to make it worth the while of such Persons to engage we propose to include two of the small Counties in one Farm. M^r Tasker when we were proceeding last year to build an Office or Repository for your Ldps Agent offered to sell your Ldp for that purpose a Piece of Ground more conveniently situated than that which the Agent had bought of M^r Carroll We accepted his offer & the Office is accordingly built thereon, so that if your Ldp pleases the other Lott might be reconveyed to M^r Carroll who is willing to take it back at the Price the Agent gave for it. Your Ldp would see by the Copy of the Commissioners Proceedings at their last Meeting that lest Running the Dividing Line beyond the Alleganny Mountains should give Umbrage to the Indians it was agreed that Application should be made to them by S^r Will^m Johnson for their Consent which S^r William at the Expence of £300 sterling has undertaken to do, but is not certain that he shall obtain it as some Circumstances have lately made them very jealous; if the Indians Consent the Surveyors will have orders to proceed with the Line as soon as the Weather will permit otherwise we shall I suppose discharge them as soon as the Boundary Stones or Obelisks which M^r Hamersley tells me were preparing can be set up. M^r Hamersley having signified to Me in his Letter of the 8th of Nov^r that your Ldp hath lately received an Intimation but not from any of your Officers of some late Attempts to dispossess you of Talbot Mannour & that no Steward has been yet appointed to receive the Rents tho there is £1000 stg in Arrear & the Tenants are willing to pay at least upon a proper Indemnity against the late Claimant I cannot help observing to your Ldp that so long ago as the 10th of July 1765 I gave M^r Calvert Notice that such an Attempt was making by one Maypothor who afterwards returned to Europe without effecting any Thing but 'tis said he is expected out again this Summer with some Paper or Proof which the Lawyers it seems told him was essential. At the time I mentioned this Affair to M^r Calvert I desired him as I had before furnished him with all the Information I could get relative to the Circumstances of that Mannour to take Advice & inform me what Steps were to be taken in Case Maypothor should make farther Attempts or the people who were in possession should refuse paying Rents to your Ldps Agent. At that time however there was a Steward but what Rents were