

paid him I do not know, & that Steward having afterwards resigned the Agent appointed in his stead one M^r Rigby who lives near the Mannour & as he seem'd to be a sensible & was said to be an active Man I entertained hopes he would be able to execute any Order it might be thought proper to give him. Upon his representing to me the 2^d of April 1766 that the Declarations & Offers of Maypothor had possessed the People residing on the Mannour with an Opinion that they could not be compelled to pay Rent to your Ldp & that some vigorous Steps were necessary to convince them to the contrary I immediately wrote a Letter to Col^o Lloyd on the Subject of which I now transmit your Ldp a Copy that you may see it was not owing to any Neglect or non Attention in me if every proper Step was not taken to recover & secure the Rents of that Mannour which as I represented to M^r Calvert the 26th of May 1760 is so circumstanced that in the Opinion of the Lawyers here neither those who claim under the Patentee nor your Ldp could support an Action so as to oust any Person at present in possession. It is upon this Consideration that M^r Dulany who knows well how it is, M^r Jordan & I have thought it for your Ldps Interest to offer all Persons that are at present in possession whether they have or have not Leases Patents for their respective Tenements upon the same Condition on which some of them heretofore took Leases viz 20/ stg for every hundred Acres. M^r Hamersley having ask't me whether the Running of the Dividing Line between Pennsylvania & that part of Maryland which lies West of Susquehannah would not afford a good Opportunity of raising the Quit Rents on the Land to be there taken up to Eight Shillings p^r 100 Acres & whether some of the best Lands there may not be first laid out for your Ldp & reserved as Mannours I thought it my Duty to advise with both M^r Dulany & M^r Jordan thereon who were of Opinion with Me that such Raising of the Quit Rent would put a Stop to all Applications to the Land Office but in order that if any rich Lands there remain vacant they may be laid out as Mannours, I with their Advice ordered an Entry to be made in the Land Office to this Effect, that no Surveys are to be made between the Line run last year & the Line run about the year 1732 until farther Orders from your Ldp or your Lieutenant Governor & agreeable to your Ldps Desire signified to Me by M^r Hamersley I have also given an Instruction to the Land Office that in all Patents to be made out on Warrants issued after the Date of such Instruction a Clause of Re-Entry be inserted to have Effect in case the Tenant shall not pay the Quit Rent reserved within thirty Days after it shall become due. M^r Hamersley having likewise informed me that at the