

Letter Bk.IV M<sup>r</sup> Maypothor to get possession of that Mannour as you will see by the inclosed Extract of my Letter. I have also taken the liberty to inclose for His Ldp's perusal the Copy of a Letter I wrote to his Agent on the Subject the 2<sup>d</sup> of April 1766 which alone will I hope convince His Ldp that I have not been deficient in communicating what came to my knowledge with regard to the Attempts you allude to or in pressing the Agent to discharge his Duty. Apprehending you have seen the Information & Papers I from time to time transmitted to M<sup>r</sup> Calvert concerning that Mannour I shall not at this time trouble you farther about it than just to inform you that upon M<sup>r</sup> Dulany's giving it as his Opinion to M<sup>r</sup> Jordan & me that as the Mannour is at present circumstanced His Ldp could not support an Ejectment was he to bring one against any Person in possession who does not hold by Lease under him & that neither could Those who claim under the Patentee support an Ejectment against such Possessor we thought it advisable & for His Ldps Interest to offer All the People who are in possession of part of that mannour Patents instead of Leases on the Terms mentioned in the inclosed Letter mark't B which with the Advice of the other Commissioners I wrote to a Gentleman that holds one of the Tenements by Virtue of a Lease from His Ldp's Agent, the Steward of the Mannour being at present disabled by sickness from acting in the Affair. As you ask in Your Letter whether the Running of the Dividing Line on the West Side of Susquehannah will not afford a good Opportunity for Raising the Quit Rents to Eight Shillings on the new Grants to be made of the Land lying contiguous to that Line & whether it would not be proper in the first place to lay out Two or three Mannours for His Ldp on the finest of the Land I consulted the other Commissioners thereon & they are of Opinion with Me that such Raising of the Quit Rent on new Grants would put a Stop to all Applications for Warrants to survey such Land, of which Land however I do not understand that much will be found vacant for as people were at liberty to take up Land in that part of the Province as well as in other Parts the best Lands were secured many Years ago, I have however forbidden any more Surveys to be made there till we can be more certainly informed whether any Lands worth reserving still remain vacant & if there are any they shall be laid out for Mannours agreeable to His Ldp's Desire. I have also pursuant to His Ldps Desire sent an Instruction to the Land Office requiring the Judges to insert a Clause of Re-entry in all Patents of Land to be surveyed by Virtue of Warrants which may be issued after the Date of such Instruction so that in case the Possessor should fail paying his Rent thirty Days after it shall