

Letter Bk. IV they are denied Access to the Records which they suppose contain sufficient Evidence to shew the Justice of their Claim. But in fact they did during the Session make what Searches & take what Extracts they pleased in the Secretarys Office where the Acts of Assembly & Copies of the Journals of both Houses are deposited & this Meeting of the Committee was only contrived to introduce a Precedent or in case any Refusal should be given to their Authoritative Requisitions or Demands that they may thence take Occasion to represent thro the Province that they were denied Access to the Records purely to prevent their furnishing their Agent with necessary Materials & Evidence to prosecute their Appeal to Effect. Had the Lower House thought fit to address me for an Order to the proper Officers to deliver any particular Gentlemen they might have mentioned any Transcripts from the Records I should have complied with their Request but could not even then have consented to their Rummaging the Offices as they should think fit much less to take any Books or papers out of such Offices & particularly those which are in Custody of the Clerk of the Privy Council. Presuming His Ldp does not desire to be troubled with a minute & particular Account of such Matters in a Letter addressed to himself I shall but just mention to him that I have transmitted to you an Account of some Steps that have been taken here in Consequence of the Agreement the two Houses came to last Session in order to bring about a Passage of the Journal & leave it to you to communicate & lay before His Ldp the particulars. As you mention'd again in your last Letter His Ldps proposal or Offer relative to a Copper Coinage I took this Opportunity when the Gentlemen of the Council were met to lay the same before them & you will see by the Clerks Minute their Sentiments thereon. Col^o Lloyd having in pursuance of the Commissioners Desire delivered to me to be transmitted with my Letters a Packet which he says contains Bills of Exchange for His Ldp to the Amount as appears by his List of £5292 16 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ I shall comply with his Request, & doubt not but you will immediately on your Receipt thereof deliver or by a careful person send the Packet to Mess^{rs} Hanburys to whom it is addressed. As the Steps that have been or may be taken by the Commissioners in order to secure to His Ldp the Rents or Quit Rents of Talbot Mannour exceed perhaps the Powers given us we hope His Ldp will by a particular Instruction or power confirm what we may think it for his Interest to do respecting that mannour & on that presumption I shall undertake to indemnify M^r Baxter or the Agent if M^r Baxter is to be indemnified by him & to fulfill any Agreement he might make pursuant to our Instructions with the People that are settled thereon.