

Letter Bk. IV ment shall be tried which will I suppose be done in October next. Immediately on the Receipt of His Ldps & Mess^{rs} Penns Commissions protracting the time before limited for Running the Boundary Lines I advised the Pennsylvania Commissioners thereof who agree to meet us at Chester Town in this Province the 16 of this Month in order to open them & to give the Surveyors such farther Instructions pursuant thereto as may be thought necessary. We sometime agreed that altho the Commission was not then arrived Mess^{rs} Mason & Dixon should proceed with the Line as soon as Information should be received from S^r W^m Johnson of the Indians having given their Consent & as Governor Penn received such Information the 4th Inst I presume the Surveyors are now on their Way to the place where they broke off the latter End of last Summer. Upon Capt Love's arrival I wrote to Col^o Lloyd near whose House the Ship rides at Anchor to send the Boundary Stones immediately to Baltimore Town from whence they can be most easily conveyed by Land Carriage to that part of the Line in which they are to be set up. I am very glad to find that the Act passed last Session for paying off the Publick Debt met with His Ldp's Approbation, had I not been quite satisfied in my own mind that our Act steer'd clear of the Act of Parliament, no Indemnification the Assembly could have offered would have induced me to pass it, to have accepted any Indemnification would in my opinion have implied some Doubt in my own mind & had They offered any I should have thought it incumbent on me to reject the Bill purely on that Account but being convinced it was conformable to the Letter as well as Spirit of the Act of Parliament & at the same time would be immediately productive of much real Good to the Province I cheerfully gave it my Assent & every Circumstance concurs to shew that the Plan on which our Bills of Credit are emitted is the most unexceptionable of any yet pursued & therefore worthy of Imitation. Would our Assembly lay a small Duty on Tobacco exported & on all Rum to be hereafter imported for the purpose of making an Annual Addition to our Bank Stock It would I apprehend be greatly for the Interest & prosperity of the Province & vastly encourage & increase our Trade to add £30,000 to our late Emission but I do not know that any such Intention is entertained, nor should I choose to go a Step farther without having previously obtained His Ldp's Assent. If the Ministry have no Objection to the Plan Maryland has adopted We shall be very indifferent whether the Parliament takes off or continues the Restraint laid on the Colonies by the Law made in the fourth year of His present Majesty indeed I think it is for our Interest it should continue in force