

Letter Bk. V Annual Charge of supporting the Establishment of this Province distinguishing the different Funds & the different Services to which those Funds are appropriated also of the manner of Granting Lands in Maryland the Number of Acres that have been from time to time granted & Amount of the Quit Rents reserved thereon, to which Requisitions I have returned an answer by the Packet from New York & now take the liberty to transmit a Duplicate to Your Lordship not knowing but you may be willing to peruse it. I have also in answer to another Letter from the Secretary of State returned him Copies of the Acts regulating All the Officers Fees in this Province which Acts are to be seen in Bacons Edition of our Laws the principal of them being generally known by the Title of the Inspection Law. I embrace this Opportunity to remit Your Lordship a Second of the Bill of Exchange for £390 the first of which was remitted the 11th of March last, & I likewise now remit Your Lordship the first of a Sett for £27 which was lately paid the Commissioners in part as appears by the Account accompanying it for a Parcel of a Tract of Land in this County called Whites Plains which parcel being 80 Acres was sold for £100 the first of this Month when We went to the Sale of Ann Arundel Mannour & the inclosed Bill is for One Fourth of said Purchase Money & the six pence p^r Acre for Surveying &c. M^r Allen having a few Days ago sent Me a Sett of the Rambler & a Sett of the Adventurer which he told Me Your Lordship had been pleased to recommend to his Care for me I take this earliest Opportunity to make my Acknowledgments to Your Lordship for that Instance of Your Regard, & at the same time I hope Your Lordship will excuse Me for Intimating to you that if Your Lordship will by giving Orders to Your Gardiner for that purpose contribute to furnish with any Choice Fruit Trees or Grape Vines a Garden I have laid out at my Farm a few Miles from Annapolis I should be very thankful to Your Lordship; if I could get the true Rhenish Grape I should hope within a few years to taste some Wine of that sort of my own Growth. the Burgundy Grape does not Succeed well nor any Grape that is ripe early & our Country Grape is too harsh tho I am trying whether it cannot be improved & soften'd by Cultivation. if Your Lordship can supply Me with some Trees or Cuttings in the Fall either M^r Jordan's Partner or M^r Anderson will readily forward them to Me for I am told the former is to send a Ship to Virginia & the other One to this Province about the Month of October. I am &c.