

with your Excellency's opinion, that the subsisting Leases are a great Discouragement to the Sale of the Manors, and the Mischief is greater as there seems no remedy to it, and yet I should think the Tenants would be glad to Buy their respective Interests, or, If not, that others would be glad to buy them, together with the reversions expectant upon their Leases. I should be very sorry to involve his Lordship in a Dispute with the Corporation for so Inconsiderable a sum as £150 or £200, and therefore till that matter be Cleared up, I hope he will Pay no regard to any Applications which may be made him about it. I have received the Laws, and Printed Copy of the Lower House Journal, but it was yesterday only, and your Excellency will easily believe I have not been able to look into them. I will Lay before his Lordship at the first Opportunity what your Excellency writes about the Escheat of Aliens Lands, and likewise the Detail about Mr Robt Goldsborough, and shall return you his sentiments as soon as I receive them. Surely the Imputations against the latter are Extravagant and Ridiculous, and, I am satisfied, his Lordship will have that Confidence in his own good sense and understanding, as to despise them, and I hope, when I write you next, to send you Convincing Proofs of it under his own hand. I am no Friend to the Episcopal Scheme, and though ordination at the Fireside may suit the Indolence and Poverty of some (perhaps not the most fit to Exercise the Function) yet "Timeo Danaos" nor shall I be very well pleased to purchase their spiritualities, at the expence of the Loaves and Fishes, which has always been the ultimate, If not the only, View adopted by the Church, from the beginning of time, and I am too good an Englishman to wish to see all the Colonies united under the same Church Government. I am obliged to your Excellency for reminding me of what passed upon the Agency Bill, and If the Lower House should apply for the appointment of their Agent, I will take care to follow it with a Similar application on the part of the Upper House, and I am satisfied each must have their Agent, or there will be none. As soon as his Lordship returns to Town, we shall read over our Letters together, and then your Excellency may expect to hear further from

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The Society for the Encouragement of Arts &c. have desired me to forward to the Province a Treatise relative to pot Ashes, w<sup>ch</sup> has rec<sup>d</sup> their Approbation & Encouragem<sup>t</sup> & accordingly I take the Liberty to Enclose your Excellency a few Printed Copys, to be Distributed as you think fit.