

Letter Bk. V by the earliest Opportunity. I was indeed at first surprized a little at the Secretary of States being so very particular & minute in his Enquiries but as precise & express answers were demanded for His Majesty's Information & Satisfaction I thought it incumbent on Me to be as explicit & exact as possible in my Answers to the Questions & hope Your Ldp was of Opinion on the perusal thereof that I did no more than was requisite & could not have declined giving such Answers without appearing ignorant of Matters I could not be well unacquainted with, besides I apprehended my giving Lord Shelburn an Account of All the Money paid Annually by the Inhabitants of this Province for Taxes Duties & Quit Rents would serve to shew that they also bear some Burthen as well as their Fellow Subjects in Great Britain. In the last Letter I had the honour to address to Your Lordship I informed you that we had again advertised the Sale of Ann Arundel Mannour to be on the first Inst & I have now the pleasure to tell you that on that Day & yesterday We sold as many parcels thereof as amount together to the quantity of 7104 $\frac{5}{8}$  Acres for which the Purchasers are to pay the Sum of £8919 1 9 $\frac{1}{4}$  sterling exclusive of the Six pence p<sup>r</sup> Acre allowed for surveying &c The Residue of the Mannour being 3576 $\frac{2}{3}$  Acres We shall probably sell at private Sale when we return from Baltimore Kent & Queen Annes Counties whither we are now proceeding in order to set up the Mannours that lie in those Counties. By way of Encouragement to the People that attended the Sale of Ann Arundel Mannour to bid tho they had not Bills of Excha or Cash enough in their Pockets to deposit as the first payment for the Parcels they might choose to purchase We thought it for Your Ldps Interest & therefore agreed to indulge All the Purchasers a few Days for their first Payment, but by the first Ship that sails hence after our Return Your Ldp may expect a Remittance for the Amount of such first Payment. I now remit Your Ldp inclosed Seconds of the Bills I transmitted the 30<sup>th</sup> of July last for £22 16 0 & £48 6 also Firsts of Exchange that have been since paid as p<sup>r</sup> the inclosed Minute for some Surplus Land that upon Surveying it was found to lie in Collington Mannour & for a part of the Tract in this County called Whites Plains. One of the said Bills viz. Isaac Landsdales on Jn<sup>o</sup> Buchanan being for the Sum of £24 15 5 & the other Jn<sup>o</sup> Cook's on Perkins & Co for £5 9 1 & James Mitchell's on Jordan & Maxwell for £16 9 11. The Agents Accounts to the 29 of Sept<sup>r</sup> last are now before us & we are preparing a State so as to report thereon to Your Ldp when we return again to Annapolis.

I am My Ld &c.