

Letter Bk. V any such Error hereafter I should be glad to have a List from His Ldps nominating the Successors to each Office that might become vacant for I really do not wish to have the nomination left to Myself, there are very few for whom I have a great Regard, & tho I think them as deserving of His Ldps Favour as any I will not incur a suspicion of being influenced in the Disposal of Offices by partiality or Personal Attachment. Mess^{rs} Fendall & Clagget Two of the Clergymen that were ordained last Summer & brought Recommendatory Letters from you are as yet without Livings, but as several of the Rectors of Parishes are old & infirm there will doubtless be Vacancies within about a year & half or two years for both those Gent^ln & M^r Caswell also nor shall I venture to fill up S^t James's Parish till I am favoured with an Answer to my late Letters. I shall punctually observe what you say against dividing Parishes hereafter & as there has been only one Instance of it during the fifteen years I have been in the Govern^t I have not much to answer for on that Acco^t As you intimate in your Lett^r that you were to have a meeting in a few Days with Mess^{rs} Penn or their Agent to adjust & settle the Form of the Return to be made by the Commissioners here with respect to the Dividing Lines we shall I suppose put off our Meeting till we hear from you again on the Subject as your Transmission of the Form agreed on might perhaps prevent Altercation here & be a means of our Concluding the Business very speedily. I delivered Ld Straffords Letter to M^r Ridout who will answer it in due time. I have not yet seen M^r Huggit, should he come hither I shall readily give him all the Countenance & Assistance in my power. The inclosed State relative to Talbot Mannour being pretty full I have little to trouble you with on that Subject but must observe to you that the parts destinguished by this Mark † are from Information & not drawn from any Authentic Records. I have likewise understood that after Col^o Talbots Conviction in Virginia the then Ld Baltimore ordered that the Mannour should be sold for the Benefit of the Family but if he did 'twas never done nor does it appear that any Step was then taken towards seizing it. Perhaps you may discover something relative to it in the Collection of Letters that passed between Ld Charles & the People in power here at that period which perhaps by reason of the Revolution that so soon after ensued might not appear on Record here. How far the Outlawry in Ireland said to have been in 1696 will operate to extinguish the Familys Claim you can best tell but as to the Attainder in 1716 there was evidently a Misnomer, the Person attainted being called Robert & the Jury of Inquest that was impanelled in Cecil County pursuant to the Order of the Com^{rs} for