

forfeited Estates found that the Person then seized of the Mannour was James. At the Tryal of 1752 in the Provincial Court His Ldps Lessee insisted on the Forfeiture in 1686 but twas argued that the Tryal in Virginia was contrary to Law & that it did not appear to have been in pursuance of the King's Commission, perhaps that Point could be made appear from the Records now in Custody of my Brother Philip or in the Secretary of State's Office. You'l be pleased to take Notice that a very considerable part of the Mannour as originally laid out perhaps 10 or 12000 Acres falls to the Northward of the Dividing Line lately run between this Province & Pennsylvania on which People have settled either without any Rights or under Pennsylvania Warrants obtained long since the Date of the Patent to Col^o Talbot, now if the Heir at Law could establish his Claim he would recover that part of the Mannour as well as what lies in Maryland but His Ldp cannot, so that in fact it would be well worth the formers While to give My Lord as much as he now receives from the Mannour to let him come in as Heir at Law because he would then get what falls in Pennsylvania to himself but I do not know how such a proposal can move from His Ldp. I submit it however to your Consideration it being indeed the only mean that at present occurs to me for the mutual Advantage of His Ldp & the Heir at Law if indeed M^r Plunket can prove himself so to be. I have already told you that both M^r Dulany & M^r Goldsborough when I talked to them on the Subject seemed to think His Ldp or rather the People in possession might hold in spight of All the Claimants Pretensions so that you have now before you all I can communicate on the Subject. I did expect to have transmitted you by this Conveyance the several Regulations & Instructions proposed by the Revenue Board for the future Guidance of the several Officers any ways concerned in the Management of His Ldps pecuniary Affairs but they are not yet all compleated, however as what relates to the Agents Duty is of much Consequence I inclose you a Copy of the Rules drawn up for M^r Allen so that His Ldp & you may consider the Propriety of them & in case of any of them being disapproved immediately forbid their being any longer pursued. As I addressed a Lett^r to His Ldp the 23^d of last Month & some to you bearing Date the 27 of May & 15th & 22^d of June relative to some Proceedings here of which I thought it my Duty to advise you as soon as possible I have the less to trouble you with in this Letter especially as the Journals of both Houses of which I expect you will herewith receive Copies will shew you all that pass't during the Session & I shall wave making any Remarks on the Laws that pass't till I can send you Copies of them which I expect