

Letter Bk. IV might be put off to a longer Day & the Commissioners nominated by the Proprietors of Penns<sup>a</sup> having thereupon appointed to meet us there the 29<sup>th</sup> of last Month I sett off for that place the third Day after I had prorogued the Assembly with M<sup>r</sup> Ridout M<sup>r</sup> Leeds & D<sup>r</sup> Steuart whom at the Desire of Col<sup>o</sup> Henry I had appointed a Commissioner in his Stead for as M<sup>r</sup> Bordley was obliged at that time to attend the Commissary's Court, M<sup>r</sup> Barclay indisposed & Col<sup>o</sup> Lloyd had desired to be excused alledging the Necessity he was under after so long Absence at the Assembly of devoting some time to his own Affairs I thought it would not be well for only three Commissioners to go lest by Sickness or any other Accident One of them should be rendered unable to attend the Meeting, & as D<sup>r</sup> Steuart enjoys a good Share of Health is able to undergo Fatigue & is under great Obligations to His Ldp I thought him a proper Person to be nominated & hope the Step I have taken will meet with His Ldp's Approbation. What Resolution the Commissioners came to relative to Running the Tangent the inclosed Copy of our Minute will shew, the Surveyors were so much afraid of suffering in their health from running thro the Swamps more early after such a Wet Season as there had been that we could not prevail on them to proceed to their Work before the 24<sup>th</sup> of this Month. If His Ldp & the Proprietors of Penns<sup>a</sup> agree to protract the time limited for finishing the Business till the 31<sup>st</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1764, You will be pleased to signify to the Gentleman who may be employed to draw the Commission that John Ridout Esq<sup>r</sup> hath been appointed a Comm<sup>r</sup> by me in the stead of Col<sup>o</sup> Tasker, John Leeds Esq<sup>r</sup> in the Stead of M<sup>r</sup> Malcolm, the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> John Barclay in the place of M<sup>r</sup> Dulany & George Steuart Esq<sup>r</sup> in the room of Col<sup>o</sup> Henry otherwise he will insert the name of Col<sup>o</sup> Tasker who is dead & of others who have now no Concern with the Business. When Col<sup>o</sup> Lloyd was here during the Assembly I put him in mind of the Instructions which His Ldp had been pleased to send him the 8<sup>th</sup> of Oct<sup>r</sup> & of which I had received a Duplicate whereupon he told me that he would make Enquiry & purchase a Lot or half a Lot in Town to build a Receiver Gen<sup>ls</sup> Office on & that if His Ldp would be therewith satisfied he would endeavour to conform to the Instructions so far as they prescribed a Mode of keeping the Accounts & should have no Objection to submitting them to my Inspection, but as he apprehended that some of the Gent<sup>n</sup> named particularly M<sup>r</sup> Dulany with whom he has for some time been at Law & D<sup>r</sup> Steuart with whom he has also had Contests would be disposed to give him Trouble & as he at the same time conceived the obliging him to lay his Accounts before such a Board after a manner