

Letter Bk. V Spring caused three Tracts containing one of them 17750 Acres another 6030 Acres & the third 4740 Acres to be surveyed in that part of the Province that lies on the Branches of the Yoghiogany River but I conclude from what M<sup>r</sup> Hammersley says in his Letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> of July that your Ldp is less desirous to encrease the Number of your Manors than I then expected & that you would choose rather that the Land should be sold, if that is the Case I will if your Ldp pleases deposit the usual Caution Money for either of the small Tracts, & very probably other Persons may be found to take up the Rest if your Ldp is willing to part with it on the same Terms. Not knowing but this might be the last time I may have occasion to trouble your Ldp with a Letter while I have the honour to be your Lieut. Governor I cannot help taking the Opportunity to express my hopes that as Major Jenifer hath by many Services endeavoured to merit your Ldp's Favour & is really better qualified for the Office of Rent Roll Keeper than M<sup>r</sup> Merewether he might if the last Gentleman can be otherwise provided for be restored again to that office in case your Ldp should be averse to continuing the Major your Agent & Receiver General. Sincerely wishing your Ldp continual Health & every other Blessing I shall ever remain with the greatest Respect My Ld Y<sup>r</sup> Lds. obliged & most obed. humb. Serv<sup>t</sup>

Original.

[Rev. Bennet Allen to Sharpe.]

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Sir

I am glad to find the board of revenue have desisted from carrying into execution powers with which they are not invested; the board of Treasury in England having just as much right of displacing the Lord Treasurer, as the board of revenue have of removing an Agent Here. And little did I think after the declaration made by your Excellency on Thursday Night, which was that you should decline acting in the affair yourself, (which conduct you followed with respect to the other Commissions, as M<sup>r</sup> Meriwether informed me saying, that you deferred giving him possession of his 'till the arrival of the new Governor) to receive an order to deliver up the Papers to Major Jenifer, as Agent appointed by your Excellency.

I explain'd to you my sentiments in general upon the subject of the Agency, founded upon the best opinions I could obtain, & maturely digested by myself. If that paper should be thought worthy a second perusal as you only skimmed lightly over it on Thursday, I would remit it.