

Letter Bk. IV the same Month for London under Convoy of the Chesterfield Man of War She is I understand still in Virg^a the Chesterfield having about the time the Captain was to have sailed for England been ordered to the Havanna as Convoy to some Troops from New York & was it seems lost on her passage, Tho their being so long on board a Ship during such a Season might have prejudiced the Hams I am in hopes the Wine will be much the better for it, since that was ship't I have prevailed on a Gentⁿ of this place to give me in exchange for some not so old four Dozen Bottles of very old & excellent Madeira which I take the Liberty to beg Your Ldp's Acceptance of in case Capt Craymer to whose Care it is committed should arrive safe in London. As I have wrote fully to M^r Calvert in answer to his last Letters & concerning what has been done here in pursuance of the Articles of Agreement & Commission for running the Boundary Lines I shall not trouble Your Ldp with any thing at present on that Subject presuming that M^r Calvert will lay before Your Ldp both my Letters & the Papers I have transmitted to him relative to that Business which as Your Ldp I apprehend will think does indeed creep slowly on, nevertheless I do not know unless it had been left to one Person alone to direct & superintend the Work & he had been provided with Instruments which we have not, how the Expence & Delay could have been avoided, at least I am confident that All the Gentⁿ who have the honour to act as Your Ldp's Commissioners are studious to dispatch the Work at as small an Expence as possible. Having lately received a Letter from One of His Majesty's principal Secretaries of State wherein he is pleased in express Terms to signify his Majesty's Displeasure at the Conduct & Proceedings of the Lower House of Assembly of this Province I thought it my Duty to transmit a Copy thereof for Your Ldp's perusal; Whenever the Assembly meets I shall communicate to them the Contents of it & if I am ordered to sollicite them again for Supplies shall entertain hopes that it will have some Influence on their proceedings, it will however be much more agreeable to me not to have such a Reason for convening them for altho they should at length give up their Assessment Bill they would probably offer some other that might not be quite unexceptionable; Lest that should be the Case I should be extremely glad to know whether if a Supply Bill was offered on any Plan similar to the £40000 Act made in 1756 I might give my Assent to it, or how far Your Ldp now the Province is not in such Danger of being overrun as it was when that Act passed would choose to have any part of Your private Estate in the Province taxed towards raising Money for His Majesty's Service. Your Ldp may remember that among