

Letter Bk.IV General, You may judge from what I sometime ago wrote concerning him that he does not want my good Opinion. I shall be very glad to receive His Ldp's Consent to the proposal I made with regard to M^r Ross & D^r Scott & am well pleased to find that you think His Ldp will not hesitate to comply with my Request. As the Earl of Egremont in his Letter dated the 10th of June seems to have wrote on purpose that His Majesty's Sentiments of their Proceedings may be communicated to the Assembly & in the latter End of it directs me to make the same known to them I do not think I can take the Liberty to keep the Contents of it secret, but to avoid the Evil you seem to apprehend I shall with the Advice of the Council delay doing so till they are about to be prorogued at the End of next Session which will probably be the only Session they will have before a new Election, the Assembly now stands prorogued to October next when as our Inspection Law expires the December following there will I conceive be a necessity for my meeting them. I read & delivered your Letter to M^r Ridout who has since stated an Account by which it seems to me that he has by Payment made by your Order to M^r Tasker & by Bills of Exchange remitted directly to yourself paid all that you were pleased to require from him by your Letter of the 24th of April 1762 out of the Fees which accrued from the Secretary's Office during his Continuance therein viz. from the 18th of October 1760 to the 24th of June following, & also that in case the Bill for Fifty Pounds which he remitted to you in a Letter dated the 14th of February & which you now return protested had been duly paid that Bill together with the £21 8 4 which he paid M^r Bordley for your use (imagining such a Step would have been rather more agreeable than for him to have remitted a Bill to yourself for the broken time) would have fully satisfied your Claim against him on account of the Commissary's Office: to make up for that protested Bill the Goodness of which we had not the least Reason to doubt he will now inclose you others so as to ballance the Account agreeable to your Intentions, if it does not you will be pleased to signify to me what should have been farther done & I am satisfied he will readily comply with your Requisition. I have forwarded your Letter to M^r Calvert & delivered that which came directed to D^r Steuart whenever the former chooses to go to England he will have my Consent to do so, but I understand he has drop't all thoughts of taking such a Voyage this Summer. The Parchments containing Matters relative to the Settlement of this Province pursuant to Marriage Articles together with His Ldp's Instructions concerning them shall be recorded in the Council Records agreeable to Your Direc-