

tions. At this time no other Gentlemen of the Council except Letter Bk. IV
M^r Tasker & M^r Ridout are in Town but the first time I can
have a Council I shall communicate to them your proposition
with regard to their drawing up such a State of our Publick
Proceedings for some years past as might be thought expedient
in order to justify His Ldp his Governor & themselves, tho if
the managers of the Lower House or their Agents do not first
publish, it would not in my opinion be advisable for us to begin,
for where People will not stick to assert or suggest Falsehoods
or to throw Dirt we may have Vexation but can have little
Satisfaction from the Contention. I will when I see M^r Bacon
communicate to him what you tell me as from Doctor Wilson,
& as he supposes that some or other of the Ships that are now
daily expected will bring him Paper for printing the Acts of
Assembly I shall probably see him here very shortly; according
to the Account I have heard M^r Anthony Bacon his Brother used
all the Subscribers to the Laws very ill in not sending him
Paper enough for that purpose by the last years Shipping by
which we lye out of our Subscription Money one year at least
longer than we expected, there is no such Word as Fort in the
Tonnage Act that word cannot therefore be inserted. I was in
hopes to have been able by this time to send to the Board of
Trade a printed Copy of all our Acts of Assembly & indeed I
sometime ago told their Lordships as much, but the Disappointment
I have mentioned has prevented any Copies being thrown off,
Their Ldps must therefore wait some time longer for a Copy,
for really it would be hard & expensive for me to get another
compleat Collection transcribed as you know I did some years
ago for the King's Council office especially as I have not the
least Room to expect that the Assembly will reimburse me
even what I then paid. Governor Hamilton intimated to us
at Newcastle last April that he was about to be superseded by
M^r Penn; it will be happy for the Proprietors as well as the
Young Gentleman if he is well received & respected but many
Persons seem to think that the Case will be quite otherwise.
Peace has not been yet proclaimed in form in any of these
Provinces, the usual Instructions for that purpose not being
yet received but I presume there will be a Dispatch for every
Governor brought by the next Packet & then we shall issue
Proclamations as hath been heretofore usual on similar
Occasions. I return you Thanks for the Pamphlets &c. that
you were pleased to send me, also for the Print of Lord Bute
& for the Medal you were pleased to send me last year which
was duly received. As well as I remember M^r M^cNemara did
when he arrived here last Summer bring me a Letter of yours,
which if he did I am sure was answered, but I think he drop't