

as the Law Directs by & with the Advice of the Attor<sup>y</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> Counsel for the Lord Proprietor. the Expence to be lay'd & approved by the Board & to stand charged to his Lord<sup>p</sup> in the annual Acco<sup>ts</sup> of the Rec<sup>rs</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> by them transmitted to his Lord<sup>p</sup> And it is proposed that 5 p<sup>r</sup> C<sup>t</sup> to be paid to the Stewards of the Several Manors out of the 10 p<sup>r</sup> C<sup>t</sup> of Rent Value as has been usually paid to the said Stewards for their Care & good Acco<sup>t</sup> & that 4 p<sup>r</sup> C<sup>t</sup> thereof be paid to the Rec<sup>rs</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> for their trouble & that the remain<sup>g</sup> one p<sup>r</sup> C<sup>t</sup> to the use of the Clerk of the Land Office afores<sup>d</sup> His Lord<sup>p</sup> desires Your Consideration on the above Plan for Method & Rectitude of his Private Property, w<sup>h</sup> for want of Regular Establishment is precarious, Besides the want of a Proper Office as Repository for all his Inst<sup>ns</sup> Deeds & Papers Subjects his Revenues to great Distress & Loss. By the above scheme, he purposes knowledge & Security by Advice & the Means of his Guidance & right Issue & the giving him Contentment in Justice his Due Strictly from his Several Officers of Revenue, who are by him well paid for their so Doing. He trusts in Y<sup>r</sup> friendship & Service & that you'l favour him with Y<sup>r</sup> opinion & Report of & concern<sup>e</sup>. The Proffits on the Land Office the 10 p<sup>r</sup> C<sup>t</sup> often Am<sup>ts</sup> to four & five hundred Pounds p<sup>r</sup> Ann: half is proposed to the Gov<sup>r</sup> & may be annex'd fees on all warrants Grants &c<sup>a</sup> & in whose hands the office seals should Rest. On the stability of this office the Lord Proprietors Happiness depends & the only Security for due Circulation of wealth to the Owner, is check upon check; 'tis the Band of Honesty, the Land Office is a great Trust & of the utmost consequence to all concerned; therefore requires real fidelity & the best Abilities for due Execution. much Waste has been & Now is of Quit-Rent not in Possession of the Proprietor But of these things you & M<sup>r</sup> Attor<sup>y</sup> Bordley can Right. the present condition & Management of the Office is a reproach of Misdemeanour in Public Employ<sup>t</sup> The intention of the Plan is two Rec<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> My Lord desires y<sup>r</sup> recom<sup>endation</sup> of them with Sufficient security & hopes for them of the Upper House & thinks it proper that the Rent-Roll-Keepers Place should belong to the office of the Rec<sup>rs</sup> General. It will be proper to add M<sup>r</sup> Tasker Deputy Sec<sup>ry</sup> & M<sup>r</sup> Com<sup>miss</sup> Dulany to be of the Board as their Offices concern his Lord<sup>ps</sup> Land affairs. M<sup>r</sup> Thomas is aged, why not to be prevailed upon to resign his Seat at the Council for the Benefit of his son to be Rec<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> of the West Shore, with remove of M<sup>r</sup> Chamberlaine who is also Aged & Seldom Attends the Council, his seat will serve for the other Rec<sup>r</sup> & he may keep his place as Naval Officer. I am anxious for