

& have wrote to him for his Acco^t I hope to have it to inclose in this to you, but doubt it, I like not his Conduct with regard to the Province. This Let^r laying open for want of conveyance Gives Opportunity to acknowledge the Duplicate of y^{rs} the 28th of Sep^r with other Papers in Y^r Packet rec^d the Copy of Transcript inclosed, w^h you say You brought from England relative to the Attainder of Robert Talbot together with a particular State of Talbot Manor & the Stewards Rent Roll is satisfactory so as to enable Me to form some answer to the Party here claimant, But in case a Bill is brought ag^t the Proprietor the want of the Papers & the Authorities sent by the Com^{miss}^{rs} appointed by Act of Parliament to Maryland to Seize the Estate belonging to Col. Talbot as well as a Copy of the Act of Rebellion ag^t the said M^r Talbot certified by the Com^{miss}^{rs} of forfeited Estates and delivered to the Guardians of the Present Lord & sent by Me & rec^d by M^r Lloyd the Rec^r Gen^l to make good the late Lords Seizure I say with^t these Originals or Authenticated copies thereof here in hand, What Warranty has My Lord to Authorize the Seizure. Y^r transcript Explains M^r Kellys hint to Me the difficulty to prove it to be the said M^r James Talbot the Person Guilty the transcript says James Talbot Acting ag^t K: George the 1st in 1715. it is imagined that the Deeds w^h he made in ffeb^y 1714 were only made in order to avoid a forfeiture. In 1715 the said James Talbot was apprehended & committed to Newgate & attainted by the Transcript under the Name of Robert Talbot of Hexam in the county of Northumberland as appears by the Records of the Sessions of Gaol Delivery held for the counties of Middlesex & Surry the 16th of May 1716. whereupon the Commissioners that were Appointed by Act of Parliament to enquire into the Estates of certain Traytors & of Popish Recusants & of Estates for the use of the Public transmitted to John Hart Esq^r then Governor of Maryland Warrants directed to the Sheriffs of Talbot & Cecil Counties by w^h the said Sheriffs were Authorized & required to seize all the Lands & all other the Estate late belonging to Col. Talbot in Cecil County or elsewhere within the Province of Maryland. Whether any thing was done in persuance of the above-mentioned Warrants does not appear, but Col. Low the Lord Proprietor's Agent soon afterwards claimed for his Lord^p the abovementioned Manor & granted Leases on 21 years & three Lives for a few Tenements. however the greatest part of it was already Occupied by a Number of People who refused to become Tenants to his Lord^p & most of whom declaring themselves Pensilvianians refused to pay Tax in the Govern^t of Maryland nor would they shew by what Rights