

My Land Office, & made Surveys which have been returned, & Laid some 5, some 10, & not a few 20, nay 30 years in the Office, without taking out any Patent, or paying me one penny, tho' the Lands have been always held by Virtue of the Surveys made in pursuance of these warrants & would, were it not for these Surveys, have been taken up by Others & paid for. In all these Cases my Agent must insist upon the Common Interest of the Money, & I have been thus kept out of, & take the Interest accordingly, as he must also for Surplus-Lands, as within the same Reason of Equity.

Having given Instructions to give the Preemption One Third part of the Value of Escheat-Lands to Discoverers for their Incentive, whenever therefore any such Discoverys shall be made, w^{ch} undoubtedly will be frequent, the Agent must enter Reserves for Me, in order to save the money which a Discoverer would be intitled to; & this must be punctually observed by all future Agents.

There being large Tracts of Land Reserved for the Indians, the English have encroached upon them, made Surveys & got Grants, & some of them have not stuck to deny the Payment of the Quit-Rents, alledging y^t they hold of the Indians. It is my Order therefore, that all these Reserves be erected into Mannors, whereby these poor Indians will be taken under my immediate Protection.

Notwithstanding thro' the Negligence of the Clerks in the Land-Office (especially when Mr. Sigmar was Chancellor) there were very great Blunders committed as to the Rent Reserved (and no doubt in several other particulars) by Inserting less than the Usual Rent in some patents, & in others omitting the word Sterling, of which some of the patentees taking Advantage, have offered to pay Currency, instead of Sterling, & persisted to deny complying otherwise.