

Chines & Quakers

As to the First it too nearly concerns me, to lose a Moment's time in pursuing the most proper methods to put a stop to the unparalleled Encroachments of our Neighbours the Pennsylvania's, & I cannot but commend the Zeal you shew in protecting his Majesty's Subjects under my Government.

You may also rest assur'd, that nothing shall be wanting on my part, to procure you what you with so much Reason desire concerning the Salt, it being the most sensible pleasure to me, in any shape to contribute towards whatever you think may be for your convenience or advantage.

In answer to the Equivalent You offer me for my Tithes & Quit-Rents, I am very certain my good Tenants are not thoroughly apprised of the Value of them, or of their yearly Increase, else I am persuaded they would not have call'd their present offer an Equivalent; tho' it affects me, that even the collecting my just Dues should any ways prove inconvenient to my Tenants, yet you will agree with me, that there is some justice & Equity due to a Landlord as well as Indulgence to a Tenant, & I should hope, tho' the present method of collecting the Quit Rents may not be altogether so agreeable, yet that time may reconcile it. — I do not mention this, as Declaring, I will not agree, to oblige my Tenants in an Equivalent; but that, tho' it be such a one; as you may with justice offer, & with reason Receive; & upon the whole if any thing makes me prefer any other, to the present method of collecting my Quit Rents, it will be solely to make it easier to my Tenants; for to me, the present, seems the Natural one.

B. C. B. & Co. Surveyors

Dated at London
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