

The Act for the more effectual Punishment of Negroes &c I
find it is not to expire till next Session. and I shall
not at present be able to do any thing farther in regard
to the Quit Rent than to reduce the Farmers to 15
P Ct for two Years, in which time I shall be better
able to put that Plan you honoured Me with in
recognition. my J &c

Copy of the 4th Lett^r to M^r Calvert Dated Oct:
the sixth transmitted by M^r Skinner. —

Sir: You have inclosed the Addresses of Both Houses of
Assembly in answer to my Speech to them at the opening
of this Session. They take longer time to prepare an Address
to his Ldp. which I shall transmit as soon as they deliver.
The usual Ceremonies have taken up so much of their time
since they have met that they have not yet proceeded
to any Business. I deferred the recommendation of any
particular Laws in my first Speech from an opinion that
a little experience of their Dispositions before I should
propose any thing would give me greater probability of success.
I have ready to lay before them a Bill penned by the
Attorney Gen^l for amending the Act in regard to Princeps
Ann Town &c He is preparing another for the Amendment
of the Act for the more effectual punishment of Negroes &c
I have ordered a State of the Account & Disposal of what
Money has been collected by the Act of three Pence & the