

I am apt to think that it will be no easy matter tho we should succeed against the Enemy, as no doubt a Number from these Provinces will then flock out to settle on Lands which they will have on easy Terms & which by the Description given of them are usually extremely rich & fertile. however I take pleasure in acquainting you that I have a prospect of being able to advance the Rent of Mundel's Harbour (many Seas on which are now opening) from £3-15 to £5-10 per 100 Acres. but I believe we must include a little of the Reserve in each of the Seas as they come to be rented. I have also inclosed as I promised an Account of the Impostations to this Province, in the year 1738. which however is very defective & indeed cannot be otherwise, as the Quantity & Quality of the European Goods imported is & must be unknown so that no Estimate can be made of their Value which it must however be concluded is exceedingly great as otherwise we cannot conceive what becomes of our Money while it appears by Exchange with England being rather above par that we are not increasing our Riches. The Consumption of Rum you will think I doubt not very extravagant & indeed I wish some Method could be fallen on to prevent it which must be by an Excise Law otherwise the Pensilvanians would clandestinely bring in greater Quantities than at present tho I believe they already make a vast Addition to the Quantity that I have in the Estimate noticed as legally imported.

Copy of 22<sup>d</sup> Letter to Mr Calvert dated 12<sup>th</sup> March transmitted by Capt. M. Cohen.

Sir Your Favour of the 10<sup>th</sup> Decr. together with his L<sup>ds</sup> Instructions I had the Satisfaction to receive a week since by Capt Spencer, as the Assembly was then sitting I immediately obeyed his L<sup>ds</sup> Instructions by acquainting them that his L<sup>dy</sup> had been pleased to Direct to the Act for empowering the several Courts within this Province to Order Commissions for the Examination of Witnesses residing beyond Sea; & that concerning Turkey Point prayed for by Collier. I also intimated to them by the same Message that the Inspection Law wd meet with the same fate unless they wd proceed to repeal the