

Marriage of the Late D^s will. I cautioned him to take
Care how he proceeded, lest he should seem wanting in
Duty & Respect to His S^{ty} & Yourself; he promised to
do so, but gave me to understand that he will never
relinquish his Claim to what he has been told he has a
Title to, unless a Verdict or Decree pass agst him. I have
desired Col^l Loyd to come over as soon as possible till
that time I defer answering that Part of Your Letter
which relates to Talbot Mannour & also taking any farther
Step with respect to M^r Edw^d Tilghman, for I am
afraid Colonel Loyd will scarcely chuse to accept
his Books unless they are perfected & settled, for which
I am sorry he has been indulged so long. I am sorry M^r
Stewart thinks himself more aggrieved by the Act for
granting £6000 than those who contract for the ex-
portation of the Convicts from the inland Prisons. M^r
Stewart & the other Contractors Agents sell the Convicts, they
import from £8 to £200 ^{per} each, which People here
think a pretty good Premium for their Passage, & hope
M^r Stewart would have no Cause to complain of a hard
Bargain tho he was to receive none of the Bounty that
is allowed by Act of Parliament for transporting Felons
from England to these Plantations. In Pens^a & some of
the Islands they imposed £5 ^{per} Fall on them, & obliged
the Purchasers to give Security for their good Behaviour.
I shall be glad to hear therefore that M^r Stewart is
content to pay £100 for four or five years, when the