

will I hope satisfy his wishes as this being Attorney Gen^r.
has gained him a good Deal of Practice in the Law for
which he was not educated. If ever I see a Probability of
carrying such an Act as you desire for the Collection of
the Quit Rents you may be assured I will embrace the Oppor-
tunity. You seem to apprehend that much Income is lost
to his Lop by his Tenants dividing & selling their Land
in separate Parcels or bequeathing it in Moities by Testament
As all Wills are returned to & recorded in the Commisioner's
Office, he makes out & returns to the Rent-Roll Keepers every
half Year a List of Requests specifying by whom every
Tract of Land was bequeathed & how divided, so that
each Share might be charged in the Rent-Roll & Debt-
Book to the Person to whom it is bequeathed: & as all Deeds
of Bargain & Sale are to be recorded in the Courts before
they are valid, the several Clerks return similar Lists of
such Lands as are sold whole or in Parcels to the Rent-
Roll-Keepers & the Lands so alienated are charged in the
Rent-Roll & Debt-Books accordingly. It is possible that Lands
may sometimes be given away by Deeds of Trust as I ob-
served in my Letter of the 15th Sept 1754, but as soon as
such a Transaction is discovered, a proper Entry is made
in the Rent-Rolls, & till it be discovered the Rents on the
Land so made away remains charged to the old Paper.
As there is room to believe from your Letter & Mr Stewart's
Memorial, that that Memorial would not have been pre-