

a little extraordinary to many that in six Years time, it should never be in my  
power to show my Regard for my Secretary otherwise than by diminishing my  
own proper Income: especially as that has been rendered by the Consequences  
of this War much less considerable than I expected it would be at the time  
I left England. The next Shewalty of Shent County where Mr Nicholson  
resides being already engaged I cannot serve that gentleman exactly in the man-  
ner pointed out by Your Letter but I will give his eldest Son the next Shew-  
salty of Queen Anns which is I believe more lucrative & this I expect will  
please the Father as well as the other. With regard to the Duty on Convoys  
I would not desire You to speak to His Ldp. again concerning it, the Affair  
will I expect be brought to a Tryal before our Provincial Court next Week  
& in case they should be of Opinion that it ought to be levied & the Com-  
mission thereupon appeal, I shall desire the Assembly to indemnify the Naval  
Officers before they insist on their Collecting the Duty which I am apt to  
think they will not choose to do, & if they decline it the unreasonableness of  
their Request for the Naval Officers Bonds being put in Suit will be too  
flagrant to meet with the Approbation of the considerate part of their Constituents.  
Together with my Letter by Capt Brooke, dated the 17<sup>th</sup> of April. I hope You have  
before this time received Authenticated Copies of the two Acts of Assembly made  
in 1751 & 1761 & also an Account of several Acts which preceded the former & serve  
to shew that the Assembly at the time of the Ld Proprietors Appearance to that  
Act considered it as a favour granted them rather than as a Burthen: in the  
same Letter & again in my Lett. dated the 4<sup>th</sup> of June. I advised You of  
Gov: Denny's having at length gratified the Assembly of Pens: by passing  
their favourite Assesment Bill, whereby the Proprietors Estate will be sub-  
jected to the Payment of a monstrous Sum towards sinking the Bills of  
Credit which have been struck at several periods in that Province for the  
things Use. Since that time the Assembly have again met & having