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necessary that every One of them should constantly reside at & be present in  
Annapolis, or else People that may apply for Warrants would be detained in  
Town at a considerable Expence till the Lieut. Governor & Judges should  
all meet there or at least till every one should come thither to sign such  
Warrant: besides such signing of Warrants would be no Sort of Security against  
Fraud: & if it is meant that they should all attend or be present when  
the Caution or purchase Money is paid to the Agent: neither of them  
would have a Moment that they could call their own, since the Agents  
Office is ever open, & it is always uncertain when or how soon Application  
might be made by some Person or other for Land Warrant: - The  
next Article or Part of Your Ld's Revenue which I shall take into Consi-  
deration is the Mannours & these may in my Opinion be brought into Order  
at least under much better Regulation than they are at present, tho' indeed  
this is not the Work of a Day; I have often mentioned this Matter to  
Col<sup>o</sup>. Loyd but as he seldom spends a Day in Annapolis & his Attention  
& Thoughts are so engrossed by his own Affairs I have long despaired of  
seeing any Plan for their better Regulation carried into Execution. I need not  
I presume tell Your Ld that there are Persons under the Denomination of  
Stewards who have been from time to time authorized & instructed by Your Ld's  
Agent & his Predecessors in that Office, to superintend the several Mannours,  
to parcel them out to such as were willing to become Tenants & to collect  
the Rents. The Method these Stewards pursue is this, when a Person has  
an Inclination to become a Tenant on a Mannour he desires a Survey  
might be made on such a Part as he shall point out, which being done  
by the Steward, Certificate thereof is returned by Him to the Agent together  
with