

home with him such a Descriptive Account of the Mannours Improvements therein
& the Circumstances under which they respectively are at this time as together with
the account of the Prices at which we sold, will enable Your Ldp to form a pretty
good Judgment of their present real Value, nevertheless if Your Ldp pleases there
might be a standing power & Instructions to the Board of Officers or Your Ldp's
Agent here to sell from time to time to the Tenants or any other Persons that may
choose to become Purchasers on such Conditions as Your Ldp has already prescribed
or may be pleased to prescribe in such Instruction. Since Your Ldp's Commission
for selling the Mannours was produced to Us the Agent has desisted from granting
any new Leases for Mannour Lands except in Cases where Tenements had been
before actually laid out or agreed for, if Your Ldp is now willing to lease out what
remains vacant or unsettled of the Mannours & Reserves You will be pleased to
send Orders to that effect. As Your Ldp some time ago express'd a Desire to
have other Mannours laid out if sufficient Bodies of Vacant Land could be
found for that purpose I caused a Survey to be lately made in Fredericks
County just beyond Fort Cumberland containing as by the Platt thereof returns
& deposited in the Revenue Office 96610 Acres some of it is said to be very good
Land but the greatest part mountainous. Such of it as is pretty good might
I am informed be leased out immediately at Ten Shillings per hundred Acres
for a Term of Years with Condition that the Tenants shall make customary
Improvements & it might I dare say be sold a few years hence at a price
considerably higher than vacant uncultivated Land, or if Your Ldp chooses
to reserve only a part of the said Land an Order might be given for the
Quantity Your Ldp would have laid out as a Mannour & the Residue may
be granted in Parcels to such Persons as may be willing to take it up on the
usual Terms of the Land Office. A few Miles Westward of this large Tract
there is a Tract of 2524 Acres of good Land lying on the Branches of the Youghio-
gany River which I have caused to be surveyed in order that if Your Ldp pleases
that also might be reserved or if Your Ldp approves thereof & the Patentees
are willing it might be given in exchange for some Patented Tracts that lie
within the large Survey & granted in Parcels to such Persons as had applied
for Warrants to affect Land lying within the said large Survey before I ordered
it to be surveyed; if Your Ldp chooses to have either the whole or a Part reserved
as a Mannour You will be pleased to signify by what Name it is to be called.