

favourable Intentions towards M<sup>r</sup> Merewether & not knowing on whom  
he might be inclined to confer the Office, to whose Custody could I more  
properly commit the Rent Roll than to a Person who as Deputy to Col<sup>o</sup>  
Loyd had for some time had the Care of it, & was experienced in the  
Business. If it had been His Ld's pleasure to continue him I am satisfi<sup>d</sup>  
I should have discharged his Duty in such a manner as would  
have done Credit to my Recommendation, for he has during the short  
time the Rentalls have been in his Keeping done a great deal towards  
rendering them perfect, & in my Opinion as much Assiduity Circumspection  
& Capacity is necessary for the Rent Roll Keeper as for the Agent. Without  
taking Notice of his being a Person generally known & well esteemed thro<sup>u</sup>gh  
out the Province, his unexceptionable Conduct as a Justice of Peace for  
many Years, as a Member for some time of the Lower House of Assembly  
as a provincial Justice, & his Attendance as a Commissioner for run-  
ning the Boundary Lines (when Gentlemen enjoying very lucrative  
Offices excused themselves from the Trouble) gave him as I conceived some  
Pretensions that M<sup>r</sup> Merewether cannot yet have, & I am apt to think  
never will; however as the Major is in easy Circumstances having by  
a successful Trade considerably increased his paternal Fortune he  
will I hope be as happy without the Office as if it had been confirmed  
to him — I am sorry we were not sooner favoured with Your  
Opinion relative to the Form of a Return to be made on our Commission  
for running the Boundary Lines as every thing might in that Case have  
been settled betwixt us before this time, I shall take over with Me to the  
Meeting next Tuesday a Copy of what You have been now pleased to  
write to Me on that Subject & submit it to the Consideration of All the  
Commissioners who will I hope now put the finishing Hand to that  
Business — The Reason of my ordering such a Reserve to be made  
beyond Fort Cumberland was that it had been signified to Me, more than  
once that His Ld was desirous to have some other Manors laid out  
particularly by Your Letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> of Nov<sup>r</sup>. 1766. & in my Letter of  
the 1<sup>st</sup> of April I told you I had ordered so large a Quantity to be reserved  
that it might be at His Ld's Choice to have either One or more Manors