

Letter Bk. IV on Your Ldp's Agent & Receiver Gen^l for such Sums as may be wanted to defray Your Ldp's Share of the Expence that will be occasioned by Running the Divisional Lines which Expence I am afraid will be very considerable. Mess^{rs} Otley & Cooke the two Gentlemen who being recommended to your Ldp's favourable notice were made known & introduced to me by M^r Calverts Letter of the 20th of June having called on me lately in their way from Potowmack to Baltimore where they intend to Settle I endeavoured to receive them in such a manner as the Contents of the Letter which they presented to me gave them a Right to expect, & agreeable to your Ldp's Pleasure signified to me I assured them of my Readiness & Desire to serve them on all Occasions. Inclosed I take the Liberty to send Your Ldp a Copy of a Speech that I made the 26th of last month to both Houses of Assembly & also Copies of the Addresses which they respectively presented to me in Answer thereto. The Reason of their being convened p. 139 at this time your Ldp will see in my Speech; but what made the Gent^l of the Council fond of my Calling them together on that Occasion was an earnest Desire to Relieve the Land Holders from a great & unequal Tax which was about to fall on them by reason of a Great Deficiency in the Produce of the Funds that were appropriated to sink the Bills of Credit which were emitted in the year 1756 by Virtue of the Act that was then made for Granting a Supply of £40000 for His Majesty's Service. It appearing by the Books of the Loan Office that the Deficiency in the Produce of the Funds that were appropriated to Sink the Bills of Credit which were emitted in the year 1756 by Virtue of the Act that was then made for Granting a Supply of £40,000 for His Majesty's Service. It appearing by the Books of the Loan Office that the Deficiency would be about £14,000. (scarcely one of the Taxes or Duties that were imposed having produced so much as was expected) an Additional Tax of Seven Shillings & seven Pence must have been paid before the 20th of June next by every Protestant & twice as much by every Papist for every 100 Acres of Land by them respectively holden had not the Legislature interfered & relieved them. In order therefore to Lighten this heavy Burthen which was about to fall on one Part of the Inhabitants & of which your Ldp must have born no inconsiderable Share & to prevent the great Confusion & Distress which would have ensued, the Two Houses agreed on & presented me a Bill for Continuing the Excise & all the other Taxes & Duties imposed by the £40,000 Act for the Term of two years longer, in which time it is expected that the whole £40,000 will be paid in, or at least that the Deficiency to be then made good by an Additional Land Tax will be very