

Letter Bk. IV come to some Agreement with regard to the Annual Salary heretofore allowed & still claimed by the Clerk of the Council & that in Consequence of such Agreement they would probably concur in passing a Bill for paying off the Publick Debt with Notes of Credit to be now emitted on some such Plan as I mentioned in my Letter bearing Date the 21<sup>st</sup> of Decem<sup>r</sup> last. Agreeable to such my Expectations a Bill hath been framed for that purpose & having met with the Concurrence of the Upper House received my Assent last Saturday Evening when I put an End to the Session. As this Act is of much Consequence & might perhaps be reported as repugnant to the late Act of Parliament prohibiting the Colony Legislatures from Emitting & making Bills of Credit a Legal Tender I shall herewith transmit a Copy of it by which you will see it is therein expressly provided that the Notes or Bills of Credit to be by Virtue thereof put in Circulation shall not be deemed a legal Tender in any Case whatever unless a Contract be specifically made for such Bills; & as the Emission is to be made on the Plan sometime ago communicated to you to which in your Letter of the 22<sup>d</sup> of March you signified to me that His Ldp had no Objection I entertained hopes that the Act now made will be found so unexceptionable as to receive His Ldps Assent. The Upper House as you will see by their Journal herewith transmitted were desirous to have it amended or altered in some respects but could not prevail, & therefore being unwilling to lose the Bill altogether pass't it as it stood. In order to prosecute the Appeal to His Majesty in Council respecting the Allowance of the Clerk the Members of the Lower House have I understand opened a Subscription & at the Conclusion of the Session contributed themselves about £150 which will probably by this Opportunity be remitted to M<sup>r</sup> Garth whom they are to employ as their Agent & through whose hands their Address to the King upon the Repeal of the Stamp Act is to be transmitted. They may also by this Opportunity send Instructions to their Agent to prosecute the Appeal immediately & furnish him with Arguments for that purpose, if they do I should be glad to be advised thereof as soon as possible, tho indeed without such Advice I shall endeavour to have immediately collected for your Information such Evidence as may serve to support the Claim of the Clerk of the Council or rather of the Upper House who insist the Clerk ought to be paid his Salary according to constant Usage by the Publick & not by His Ldp out of Fines Forfeitures or any other Branch of his Revenue. As the settling this Point & the other Matters which have for some years been controverted between the two Houses & consequently agitated Mens Minds throughout the whole Pro-