

Letter Bk. IV has been usually paid to the said Stewards for their Care & good Account & that four p^r Cent thereof be paid to the Receivers General for their Trouble; & that the Remaining One p^r Cent to the use of the Clerk of the Land Office afd. His Ldp desires Your Consideration on the above Plan for method & Rectitude of his private property which for want of
 p. 78 regular Establishment is precarious besides the want of a proper Office as Repository for all His Instructions Deeds & Papers subjects his Revenues to great Distress & Loss. By the above Scheme he proposes Knowledge & Security by Advice & the means of his Guidance & right Issue & the giving him Contentment, in Justice his due strictly from his several Officers of Revenue who are by him well paid for their so Doing. He trusts in Your Friendship & Service & that You'll favour him with your opinion & Report of & concerning. The Profits on the Land Office the 10 p^r Cent often amounts to four & five hundred pounds p^r Ann. Half is proposed to the Governor & may be annexed Fees on all Warrants Grants &c^a & in whose Hands the Office Seals should rest. On the Stability of this Office the Ld Proprietor's Happiness depends & the only Security for due Circulation of Wealth to the Owner is Check upon Check 'tis the Band of Honesty. The Land Office is a great Trust & of the utmost Consequence to all concerned; therefore requires real Fidelity & the best Abilities for due Execution. Much Waste has been & now is of Quit Rent not in Possession of the Proprietor, but of these Things you & M^r Attorney Bordley can right; the present Condition & Management of the Office is a Reproach of Misdemeanour in publick Employment. The Intention of the Plan is two Receivers Gen^l My Ld desires Your Recommendation of them with sufficient Security & hopes for them of the Upper House & thinks it proper that the Rent Roll Keepers place should belong to the Office of the Receivers General.

That Your Ldp may the more readily comprehend what in Obedience to Your Commands I shall take the Liberty to offer on this Subject in answer to the above Extract from M^r Calvert's Letter I must beg Leave to trouble Your Ldp with a
 p. 79 particular Account of the process or Steps that are taken by those who are desirous of obtaining Patents for Land within your Ldp's Province. If the Person wants to take up (or obtain Patent for) a quantity of vacant uncultivated Land (suppose 100 Acres) he makes known his Intention to the Agent who upon such Person's paying down the usual Caution (or original purchase) money viz. £5 Stg. (for the quantity of 100 Acres) gives him an Order to the Judges of the Land Office for a Common Warrant (as it is called in Contradistinc-