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Forts on the Frontiers of that province. Having wrote fully to M^r Calvert in answer to that Article of Your Ldsp's Instructions dated the 20th of Dec^r which I lately received & to those parts of his Letters where he acquainted me with your Ldp's pleasure that M^r D Dulany should be appointed Deputy Secretary here in the Stead of Col^o Tasker I will not trouble Your Ldp on that Subject, farther than to inform you that when I issue a Commission appointing M^r Dulany Secretary I shall issue another appointing M^r Ridout Commissary General in his Stead as M^r Bordley desires to be excused from acting in that Office alledging that after the Indulgencies which M^r Dulany's Father out of a Desire of being popular & his Successors have continued for many Years to give to people concerned in Administrations it would be impossible for any Lawyer to act in the Office of Commissary without either making himself a Slave to the humour of such People or rendering himself obnoxious & disagreeable by refusing to give every One Advice on All Occasions & at all times when in fact as Commissary or a Judge of that Court he has no more Business to do so than it is the Business of the Chancellor to advise every Body that may think themselves entituled to Relief in Equity & for this Reason he is of Opinion & indeed I do not know but he may be right, that it would be better Some Person who has not practised at the Bar should hold it for a while, however he has promised to give M^r Ridout his Advice freely on all Occasions while he continues Commissary & to assist him in any difficult Case which might happen to come before him tho he supposes there will not be such a Case once in a Twelve month. I shall only add that if it is not necessary that the Commissary should be a Lawyer I believe M^r Ridout will in a very short time make himself Master of the Business as well as any Person I could appoint; I am convinced he will have the strictest Regard to Justice & Equity & therefore

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untill Your Lordship shall be pleased to confer on him the other Office you mention I hope you will favour him so far as to approve of his Continuance in this. I am much pleased that Your Ldp approves of what I took the Liberty to write the 23^d of May last concerning a Method which I think ought to be pursued by such Person as may be entrusted with the Management of Your Ldp's pecuniary Affairs here & am much obliged to Your Ldp for the Regard you are pleased to shew to my Recommendation. Encouraged by your Ldp's favourable Acceptance of what I have already offered on this matter I will as soon as a Prorogation of the Assembly shall give me leisure, consider of, draw up, & take the Liberty to transmit to Your Ldp such Instructions as in my opinion it would be expedient for Your Ldp to give to the Agent & to