

the Board to be qualified & at the same time will appoint D<sup>r</sup> Letter Bk. IV Scott Clerk to that Board in the stead of M<sup>r</sup> Ross who being of late become very infirm is anxious to resign in the Doctors favour, after which he will not enjoy any Office under His Ldp that I know of except the Naval Office of Potuxent, for as to what he does for Col<sup>o</sup> Lloyd he can be considered only as a private Factor: & I submit it to Yourself whether it would have a good Appearance that a Person who was sent hither almost forty years ago by the Lord Baltimore & has not since that time engaged in any Business besides that of his Office & what he transacted for the Agent & is moreover well esteemed by the principal Persons concerned in the Government should be now laid aside without having done any thing to give Offence especially as it is notorious that he has lived up to his Income, is now too old & infirm to engage in any new kind of Business & is not likely to stand in any ones way many years longer. In case of his Death or Removal I should be glad to know whom His Ldp will have appointed for you cannot but be sensible that my nominating any Person & his being afterwards displaced tends to lessen my Influence & inclines the Person established in the office to think that he is very little obliged to me for his promotion: & since I am on this Subject I cannot help expressing some Concern at your referring M<sup>r</sup> Plater to me for a favourable answer to the Application he was pleased to make to you for should the Naval Office of Potuxent become vacant M<sup>r</sup> Plater would in Consequence of Your Letter expect to be appointed yet notwithstanding I have really a Regard for him I cannot under Your Letters venture to give him a Commission & by my refusing to do so he will in all probability consider me as averse to his promotion & should His Lordship be afterwards pleased to send me an Instruction in his favour I shall not seem to be entitled to any Return from M<sup>r</sup> Plater, yet at the same time whoever may fail in their Application for the Office will be apt to think their ill success is owing entirely to me. I was a little surprized at M<sup>r</sup> Dulany's telling me the other Day that you approved of his Brother Walter to be Agent & Receiver General in the stead of Col<sup>o</sup> Lloyd as you have not in any of your Letters given me the least Intimation of such a Thing, but as M<sup>r</sup> Dulany gave me to understand that you had communicated to him what Col<sup>o</sup> Lloyd had wrote to you with regard to M<sup>r</sup> Goldsborough & your answer thereto I could not doubt what he mentioned with regard to your Intentions in favour of his Brother; but when he expressed his hopes that I would nominate him I replied that as Col<sup>o</sup> Lloyd had not acquainted me with his Intention to resign the Agency & you had not directed me to supersede him & appoint M<sup>r</sup> Walter Dulany in