

Letter Bk. IV his stead I should not take upon me to do so, but that I would write to you about it; he then desired me to make favourable mention of his Brother, This & your Solitude to have M<sup>r</sup> Walter Dulany put into some place of Trust laid me under the necessity of giving my Assent, tho I do not for my part expect any Good therefrom: Had nothing passed between you & M<sup>r</sup> Dulany on the Subject which could encourage him to expect you will appoint or recommend his Brother to be Agent, It might perhaps be worth while to consider whether the conferring two of the principal Offices besides others of less Importance on one Family may not give such Family too much power & Influence in the Government & whether it is certain such power will be always exerted to promote His Ldp's Service & to render his Governor's Administration easy, but as I presume you would not have had such Conversation with M<sup>r</sup> Dulany unless you intended to serve his Brother in the manner he tells me I shall only add that I hope His Ldp's Commission to the new Agent whenever he shall be appointed will be sent from England & that it will not be left to me to issue the Commission or make the Appointment. When I was lately at Col<sup>o</sup> Lloyds he took an Opportunity to inform me that unless I objected thereto he intended to ask a favour of His Ldp for M<sup>r</sup> Goldsborough which he was in hopes you would obtain for him since it would be conferring an Obligation on that Gentleman without doing an injury to any Person whatever. As I have great Reason to be satisfied with M<sup>r</sup> Goldsborough's Behaviour you may be assured I could not on such an Occasion help expressing a Desire to have an Opportunity of serving him & then the Colonel told me that he intended to ask Leave to resign in his Friends favour the Office of Keeper of the Western Shore Rent Roll so that if the proposal should be agreeable to you M<sup>r</sup> Goldsborough might be thereupon made Keeper of the Eastern & M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Keeper of the Western Shore Rent Roll, to which I replied that I much doubted whether the proposal would meet with Approbation at home but that if it was agreeable to His Ldp & Yourself I should not for my part make any Objection to its being carried into Execution. In answer to what I said to the Colonel about his having neglected to transmit his Accounts regularly he acknowledged that it had been too much the Case owing to the Multiplicity of Business he had been for some years engaged in, to his Clerks leaving him & to other unavoidable Accidents but that he had now transmitted his Accounts down to last September & hoped to be able for the future to transmit his Accounts annually & regularly; that as to the Mode prescribed to him by His Ldps Instructions he was willing to pursue it, & would if possible get a Piece of