

Letter Bk. III & Residents of this Province, Another made in the first year of George the first entitled "An Act for the Publication of all the Laws of this Province & for Recording the same in the Secretary's Office &c another made in the second year of Charles Lord Baltimore entitled "An Act for repairing the Damages already sustain'd in the Records of the Land Secretary's Commissary's & County Court Offices" A supplementary Act thereto made in the 28<sup>th</sup> year of His said Ldp's Dominion & the Inspection Law revived & continued in 1763" All which you may see at large in M<sup>r</sup> Bacons Edition of the Laws of this Province that I lately sent M<sup>r</sup> Calvert in sheets at different times, & be thereby enabled to judge of the Propriety of M<sup>r</sup> Dulany's Observations; in answer to which I told him that notwithstanding the Deputation by you sent him might seem to put him on an inferiour Footing to that on which he had hitherto held his Office I was satisfied it was not your Intention to do so or to introduce any Innovation & that the Variance in form was doubtless owing to your being unacquainted with what had been formerly done & as yet a Stranger to the Laws of the Province, that you may see after what manner he as well as Col<sup>o</sup> Plater Col<sup>o</sup> Tasker & M<sup>r</sup> Ridout who held the Office immediately before him were appointed I shall inclose you a Copy of the Commission I issued to them respectively by Virtue of the Power given me by M<sup>r</sup> Calvert for that purpose & perhaps to prevent any new Difficulties being started It would be as well for you to pursue the same Method upon M<sup>r</sup> Dulany's engaging to make you the usual payment. As M<sup>r</sup> Dulany does not choose to act under your Deputation sent him & I am not at liberty under the Stamp Act to issue any Commission on other than Stamp't Paper, You have not of course at present any Deputy here, which indeed as all the Courts & Offices have ever since the first of November been shut up is of no Consequence but if the Act of Parliament should be suspended or measures taken to enforce it the Offices must be immediately opened & if that should happen before I can be favoured with your answer I shall be under a necessity if M<sup>r</sup> Dulany will not act as your Deputy under either yours or my Commission to appoint some other Gentleman that Business may go on as usual else the Suitors Lawyers &c will doubtless make such an Uproar as it may not be easy to silence. With a Copy of the Commission I at different times issued to the D Secretaries abovenamed I will send you a Copy of the Deputation given by S<sup>r</sup> Thomas Lawrence when the Gov<sup>t</sup> of the Province was in the Crown to Col<sup>o</sup> Philemon Lloyd one of the Council here who continued to act as Secretary many years after the late Lord Baltimore was restored to the Government, also a Copy