ago sent to Colo Tasker so that he may resign the Surveyor's Office he will readily meet with my Approbation, that being an Office where he will have no Cash pass through his hands besides his own & which he might get a Deputy to discharge; & it will at the same time be to him as it were a handsome Annuity, but whatever may be the Value of his Income his Oeconomy is such as will always keep him in much the same Condition & Circumstances. The Reverend Mr Dowie having presented me His Ldp's Instructions I inducted him into the Parish of St John in Queen Anns County vacant by the Removal of Mr Maynadier to All Hallows; there are at present only two Clergymen in the Province unprovided for whom I would recommend to His Ldp's Patronage, Mr West one of them who is a Native of Virga where he was also educated seems to be a well behaved Young Man & having brought me Letters of Recommendation from Colo Washington of Virga & from a Gentleman in Charles County where he sometime officiated for Mr Swift with my Approbation officiates at present as a Reader or Curate in Westminster Parish in this County. The other Gentleman's Name is Lauder from Scotland who has also for some time with my Approbation officiated as a Reader or Curate in a small Parish in St Mary's County, it being contiguous to that of which Mr Urquhart Relation of his hath been many Years Rector. I do not know any of the Inhabitants of the Province who are intended or who will bring up any Children for the Church, should any such be recommended to me I shall not faile to advise His Lordship thereof. The Mr Smith whom You are pleased to recommend to me has waited on me since his Arrival & desired me to appoint him the next Sheriff of Charles County but as that Office was long ago promised to the Brother of One Major Jennifer a Justice of Peace & a Gentleman with whose Conduct in the Assembly I had great Reason to be satisfied & who is universally esteemed I told

Mr