

Letter Bk. I. to express myself as to this in my publick Letters unless you would be kind enough to give me some Opening by one of yours but I will assure you that I am persuaded to countenance the Virulent in the Lower House of Assembly or withdraw them thence by giving them preferment will be like beheading a Hydra where three Serpents Heads are fabled to have immediately sprouted out in the place of one. M^r Dulany was an Assembly man when I recommended him first. M^r Goldsborough & M^r Tilghman I thought more able & proper persons to fill his Ldps Council than any among the destinguished Burgesses; Col^o Henry is a Burgess & M^r Key was one till very lately, but His Ldp's favouring such Gentⁿ will never gain him the Love of that infatuated Collection or Society. Since

p. 38^o I have had the honour of serving His Ldp in this Gov^t I have just as M^r Iennings left the Province appointed one County Clerk on his Recommendation which it would have been hardly decent in me to disregard as he had engaged his Promise some time before. A Commissioner of the Loan Office dying before M^r Jennings left the Province His earnest Recommendation also influenced me in the Disposal of that place, Col^o Lloyd His Ldp was pleased to appoint Rent Roll Keeper of the Western Shore by his Instructions & M^r Chamberlayne on resigning the Naval Office of Pocomoke succeeds Col^o Lloyd in that of Oxford. The Naval Office of Pocomoke & general Surveyor ship of the Eastern Shore is held for the Benefit of M^{rs} Graham, The Sheveralities of Kent & Queen Ann Counties are filled with two Burgesses one on Col^o Lloyds Recommendation the other on M^r Taskers; the Sheveralty of S^t Marys is given at M^r Taskers Request, that of Ann Arundel to one M^r Raitt at His Ldp's Command. These beside the Commissarys & Land Office are all that have as well as I remember been vacant since my Arrival excepting the Farmers places w^{ch} have been filled where the old ones threw up by such as we could persuade to undertake them. I know not how I forgot to mention the Rent Roll Keepers in my List returned they continue according to His Ldp's Instructions Col^o Lloyd for the Western Shore & M^r Tilghman for the Eastern, Col^o Lloyd has promised to let me know what is the annual value of the Offices he holds as soon as he has settled his years Accounts & then I will acquaint you with Col^o Hammonds & M^r Tilghmans Profitts also. I must declare in favour of M^r Thomas that I esteem him a Man of Ability & by w^t I can find his Conduct in the late Lds time has been represented in a much worse light than it deserved; how his Ldp will choose to shew him his Mark of Favour I leave to His Ldps & your Determination. I do propose to oblige M^r Hanbury & serve M^r Wolstenholme as soon as an Opportunity