

Letter Bk. I. Lands that lye near the Line, these Arrears the Sheriffs are to endeavour to obtain & obliged to account for only when they can receive them, but they are to be accountable for all Rents that shall become due on such Lands from this time. I have frequently writ to M<sup>r</sup> Edw<sup>d</sup> Tilghman insisting on his immediate Completion & Perfection of the Rent Roll & Debt Books that it is his Business to adjust, & he has as often assured me that he was busily employed in doing so, Could Col<sup>o</sup> Lloyd have gotten all the old Rental Books & Papers out of his hands soon after my Arrival or before now, I would have readily agreed to his Dismissal for not perfecting the Books before, tho he attributes it all to his Predecessor in the Office; however I desired Coll Lloyd to refuse the payment of his  
 p. 167 Sallary till he had done what was required of him, & if Coll Lloyd approves thereof I will superceed him as soon as he comes to Annapolis, by which time I hope to receive your Answer & Instructions to my Letter on M<sup>r</sup> Plater's Decease, which will remove the Difficulty I shall otherwise lye under about the Disposal of the Naval Office of Potuxent, in case M<sup>r</sup> Darnal be to keep the Rent Roll, which indeed I think is the best Office for him & will give the Assembly less Cause or Opportunity than any other Office to remonstrate about the Religion & Education of his Family. I do not beleive & never heard that any secret Profitts accrued to the Rent Roll Keepers. the Sallaries paid them are as you see them charged in the Agents annual Accounts.

The Treasurers Offices are worth some years near £200 & other years not £30 each, their Profitts arising from a Commission of five p C<sup>t</sup> on all Money p<sup>d</sup> them by the Naval Officers. when many Negroe Ships arrived these Offices were valuable but at present they are inconsiderable. Coll Lloyd is Treasurer for the Eastern & Colo Hammond for the Western Shore. Be pleased to think & assure his Ldp that I shall continue to take every proper Step to prevent the Pensilvanians Incroachments on his Ldp's Province till the Determination in his Ldp's favour which I hope soon to hear of shall bring about a final Settlement of the Divisional Lines & all Disputes.

My Commission to Col<sup>o</sup> Plater to Act as your Deputy was dated the 14<sup>th</sup> of March so that to that Day M<sup>r</sup> Iennings is accountable to you. I am obliged to His Ldp for leaving it to me to  
 p. 168 appoint either of the Gent<sup>r</sup> I before recommended (except M<sup>r</sup> Dulany) to be of His Ldp's Council, & as His Ldp seems desirous that Members of the Lower House should have the Preference as often as possible I recommend Coll Robert Ienkins Henry for His Ldp's Approbation, tho I must confess that I should have been glad M<sup>r</sup> Dulany had not been thought improper to succeed to a Seat at that Board.