

Letter Bk. I. related to him, in answer to which I received the inclosed Lett I gave Col^o Lloyd in writing a Power & Order to dismiss M^r Edw^d Tilghman from your Ldp's Service as soon as he had settled Accounts with him, & taken out of his hands all Books & papers that relate to your Ldp's Rents of which M^r Tilghman had the possession. When Colonel Lloyd advises me of M^r Tilghman's Dismissal I shall unless I can be first honoured with your Ldp's further Instructions thereon appoint either M^r W^m Goldsborough or Col^o Henry to keep the Eastern Shore Rent Roll, Col^o Lloyd having absolutely refused to accept it in lieu of that for the Western Shore, & as M^r Darnal will accept neither but chooses to hold the Naval Office of Potuxent I could not bestow any such Post on M^r Thomas as your Ldp directed in those Instructions & as M^r Tasker does not choose to have a Copartner in the Commissary's Office I cannot make M^r Thomas Joint Commissary as I thought I might agreeable to your Ldp's Instructions of the 9th Sept^r. Your Ldp was also pleased to order me to appoint M^r Young to the Naval Office of Pocomoke, to be Surveyor Gen of the Eastern Shore & a Member of your Ldp's Council: in making him Naval Officer of Pocomoke & Surveyor Gen^l of the Eastern Shore I had anticipated y^r Ldp's Commands & had moreover given him the Nomination to the Sheveralty of Calvert County whence he receives £50 St^s a year. Out of my own Desire to serve M^r Young who is become related to your Ldp as well as in Obedience to your Ldp's Instructions, on his saying that he would rather have one lucrative Employment than his present Offices I assured him that in any thing consistent with your Ldp's Interest He should find me most ready to gratify his hopes & Expectations. He thereupon told me that if the Clerkship of Kent County should become vacant & I would order the D Secretary to appoint him thereto he should think himself well provided for. I answered that I should be glad to have it in my power to give him a Clerkship & would make his Request known to M^r Calvert, but observed to him that if he was to accept such a place he would be in some sort disqualified to be of your Ldp's Council as there seemed to be an Impropriety in a Gentleman's being such a Ministerial Officer as a County Clerk is & at the same time being a Member of a superiour Branch of the Legislature; to w^{ch} Honour or Dignity I indeed advised him for the present to wave his Pretensions & told him that by doing so he would in my Opinion seem to consult your Ldp's Interest; Upon a Consciousness that the superiour Qualifications of the Gent^l whose Names I have taken the Liberty to mention to your Ldp might in the present Situation of Affairs & State of the Council be more serviceable than he could hope to be he seemed to