

Letter Bk. I. acquaint him that your Lordship had no farther Occasion for his Service however M<sup>r</sup> Tilghman is still continued by reason as Col<sup>o</sup> Lloyd says that your Lordship's Interest requires it & that your Lordship's Affairs must receive considerable Detriment from his being immediately dismissed: this Answer I did not indeed expect from Colonel Lloyd after the Representations he has made to M<sup>r</sup> Calvert of the Backwardness of the other, however as Colonel Lloyd ought to be the best Judge, & lest your Lordship's Affairs should be said to suffer by my giving Counter Orders, I have left it to Colonel Lloyd to cashire M<sup>r</sup> Tilghman immediately or to continue him a short time longer on Condition he loses no time in getting all the Rentall Books &c out of his Custody & bringing him to a just & final Settlement, & till he shall do so I have advised Colo Lloyd to stop his Salary. I have appointed M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Goldsborough to succeed M<sup>r</sup> Tilghman & desired Colo Lloyd to deliver the necessary Books & Rentalls into his Custody. As Colonel Lloyd was

p. 211 absolutely averse to resigning the Western Shore Rent Roll to M<sup>r</sup> Thomas or any other Gent<sup>n</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Thomas continues still unprovided for which really gives me some Concern because I esteem him a Man of Abilities & a true Friend to your Lordship's Govern<sup>t</sup> As M<sup>r</sup> Calvert tells me he has writ to M<sup>r</sup> Dulany & acquainted him that your Ldp will not be averse to accepting my Recommendation in his favour I presume to mention him once more to your Ldp tho I am not without some Apprehensions that my repeated Solicitations on his behalf have been disagreeable as they have hitherto been without Effect, but My Lord I hope that whether such my Impor- tunity has been displeasing or otherwise your Ldp will do me the Justice to beleive that it proceeded from a Desire of serving your Lordship & from no other Cause. I have no particular Alliances or Connections with him or any Gent<sup>n</sup> in the Province & if I had, I hope your Lordsp will beleive that no such Motives, no private Views no prejudices, no Friendships should divert me from pursuing & advising what should seem most likely to promote your Ldp's Interest. My only Reason for Espousing M<sup>r</sup> Dulany's Interest so warmly was as I told M<sup>r</sup> Calvert that he is esteemed a Gent<sup>n</sup> of the best natural & acquired Abilities of any in the Province & at the same time looked on to be a Person of strict honour, that this made him appear to me as a most desirable Friend while I regarded him as one who could be a very formidable Enemy. Such Considerations have always influenced my Recommendations since I have been honoured with your Ldp's Commission & such My Ld induce me to mention M<sup>r</sup> Dulany once more presuming from M<sup>r</sup> Calverts last Letter that your Ldp is not so averse to giving him preferment as I have for some time apprehended.