

As I am given to understand that Colonel Lloyd has expressed a Desire to have or be allowed the Recommendation of the several Officers with whom he as Agent is necessarily concerned lest otherwise a Man opposite to him in Sentiments if not otherwise unfit may be appointed & thereby Your Ldps Affairs be but ill conducted & as your Ldp is pleased to order me to pay due Regard to such his Recommendations I cannot help observing to your Ldp that I have always paid the greatest Regard to his Advice in the Disposal of such places & that out of 7 Sheriffs on the Eastern Shore 4 have been named by himself & the Rest by other Gent<sup>n</sup> of the Council I hope Col<sup>o</sup> Lloyd would not insinuate that I have ever appointed an improper person to an Office with which he has the most distant Concern, but to avoid any such Suspicion I shall if it be agreeable to your Ldp's Sense & Inclination, without the least Reluctance part with any power of nominating to vacant Offices as that is a privelege or power which in my Opinion no Governor has reason to be very fond of, for my own part I can assure your Ldp that it has made me many Enemies & that on Account of the Recommendations that I have been obliged to accept it has been very rarely in my power to make a Friend by that means. I have before observed that out of 7 I accepted Col<sup>o</sup> Lloyds Recommendation of 4 Sheriffs (who are as it were the only Officers that I have the Appointment of) I might also have added that I have never refused but one Person whom your Ldp's Agent has mentioned to me & that was a Scotch Factor who brought me an Introductory & Recommendatory Lett<sup>r</sup> from him the Day I arrived in the Province, Accordingly I accepted the person but when Numbers of the Gent<sup>n</sup> of the County hearing what I had done subscribed a Petition & desired me to gratify them so far as to appoint some more agreeable Person & one not in desperate Circumstances to be Sheriff of their County, I writ to Col<sup>o</sup> Lloyd & desired him to excuse me from doing a thing so disagreeable to the People immediately on my Arrival as my Appointing the Person he recommended would be & with difficulty prevailed on him to nominate a second & less exceptionable one after he had refused to give Security for the Behaviour of him whom he had first recommended. M<sup>r</sup> Calvert tells me that in Consequence of a Letter from the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Jones Y<sup>r</sup> Ldp desires to be certainly informed whether it would not be much for your Advantage to have the South Branch of Potowmack determined to be the Fountain Head of that River; Your Ldp might be pleased to remember that soon after my Arrival in the Province I made particular Enquiry concerning that matter & writ to Lord Fairfax & Gover<sup>r</sup> Dinwiddie therein lest your Ldp should have forgot what I writ at that time on the Subject I take the

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