

Letter Bk. IV shall be drawn up as might give you thorough Information of every thing relative to it, & enable you to give M<sup>r</sup> Jackson or any other Person as particular Advice concerning the Circumstances of that Mannour as you shall think expedient: Together with this Account which I shall send by a Gent<sup>n</sup> who will sail from Phil<sup>a</sup> in about a month I will likewise transmit you an Authenticated Copy of the Transcript in my Possession relative to Talbots Conviction which I hope will do as well as the Transcript itself which I think it would be too hazardous to send at a time when the French Privateers threaten so much to infest the British Coast. I am glad His Ldp & you approve of my Proposition in favour of Colo Henry & M<sup>r</sup> Goldsborough whenever it shall be in my power to provide for M<sup>r</sup> Young by giving him a Clerkship, it will be time enough I imagine for me to put your Letter into Col<sup>o</sup> Tasker's hands when a Vacancy happens. My Brother William having been so kind as to promise me that he will endeavour to obtain Leave from the Duke of Newcastle for M<sup>r</sup> Ridout to purchase the Collectorship of N Potowmack (which is worth about £150 a year) from M<sup>r</sup> William Deacon the present Collector who is infirm I take the Liberty to mention the same to you hoping that neither His Ldp nor you will be displeas'd at his succeeding in his Application, & permit me to hope likewise that M<sup>r</sup> Ridout's enjoying this Place (should he be so fortunate as to get it) will not in any wise lessen your good Intentions towards him nor the hopes which he has hitherto entertained that he shall be some Day thought worthy to be distinguished by some mark of His Ldp's Favour which did it depend on

p. 47 me he would not long want, & indeed I believe it appears a little extraordinary to many that in six years time it should never be in my power to shew my Regard for my Secretary otherwise than by diminishing my own proper Income, especially as that has been rendered by the Consequences of this War much less considerable than I expected it would be at the time that I left England. The next Sheveralty of Kent County where M<sup>r</sup> Nicholson resides being already engaged I cannot serve that Gentleman exactly in the manner pointed out by Your Letter but I will give his eldest Son the next Sheveralty of Queen Anns which is I believe more lucrative & this I expect will please the Father as well as the other. With regard to the Duty on Convicts I would not desire you to speak to His Ldp again concerning it, the Affair will I expect be brought to a Tryal before our Provincial Court next Week & in Case they should be of Opinion that it ought to be levied & the Contractors thereupon appeal, I shall desire the Assembly to indemnify the Naval Officers before they insist on their Collecting the Duty which I am apt to think