

the Sheveralty of this County but that he had refused to accept it & at the same time given me to understand that Nothing but a Naval Office would be acceptable as no other that was in my Disposal could be executed by a Deputy. His Ldp is now pleased by His Instructions to order me to provide for him but I really cannot think of any way of doing it unless one of the Naval Offices be removed to make Room for him & am convinced that such a Step would not be at all for His Ldp's Interest. You know M^r Wolstenholme has been appointed one of the Agents for the purposes mentioned in the several Supply Bills, this will bring him in near £300 a year which is no inconsiderable Sum & tho M^r Hanbury might perhaps say that as he was nominated by the Lower House of Assembly He is obliged to no other Branch of the Legislature for that office yet I cannot help thinking that since the Gover^r approved of such appointment Thanks are due to him likewise. As M^r Wolstenholme visits me often & knows I have a Regard for him I have talked freely with him on this Subject & He assures me that he never gave M^r Hanbury the least Hint of my being averse to serve him but that on the contrary he has told him that he sees it is not in my Power for that no Post which I can bestow will suit him except a Naval Office & that the propriety of reserving all those Offices for the Gentlemen that may be in the Council or particularly engaged in His Ldp's Business is quite manifest. M^r Wolstenholme tells me that what he has pressed M^r Hanbury to do for him is to procure him a Contract for victualling some of his Majesty's Ships or Garrisons which would be in the Way of his Business & as Provisions are cheap here would turn to good Account. He says that since M^r Hanbury will not recommend him to some such Contract he will as soon as a Cartel is settled go home & endeavour to recommend himself tho He should be obliged to give up the Agency. If M^r Hanbury has a real Desire to do him a Kindness He would I think have endeavoured to serve him in that Way instead of requiring an Office for him that is less desirable & which after all cannot in my Opinion be obtained. I cannot but be surprized as well as sorry that M^r Hanburys should farther say that tho they had recommended other Friends no Notice had been taken of their Recommendation. Are not M^r W^m Goldsborough & M^r Thomas their Friends & Correspondents & did they not recommend them in a very particular manner, has no Notice been taken of these nor of M^r Tasker Col^o Tasker & M^r Dulany? was it submitted to M^r Hanbury to have either M^r W^m Thomas or M^r Wolstenholme provided for if I may judge from his Lett^{rs} he would prefer the former, but in short with regard to what he says of its being a Misfortune to him

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