

Letter Bk. IV Account & the several Accounts therein mentioned or referred to having been examined in the presence of His Excellency &c were passed Signed by order A B." As all the Gentlemen who would compose this Board of Review enjoy Offices of considerable Profit under your Ldp I do not apprehend that Either of them could desire any particular Reward for this Service, or their Attendance a few

p. 87 Days on such an Occasion; But it will be expedient that a Person attend the Board as often as it may sit in the Capacity of a Clerk or Register; who doubtless ought to receive some Recompence for his Trouble; the Quantum it might be left to the Board to Settle, since they will be the best Judges of his Services, & his Sallery might be paid out of the Fines & Forfeitures, as I am told all incidental Charges have been heretofore done. Now as to the proposal for Your Ldp's appointing two Agents or Receivers General instead of One I think it my Duty to tell your Ldp freely that in my Opinion such an Appointment could be productive of no good Consequences but would be attended with many Inconveniencies; besides if it is scarcely worth the present Agent's while (as M<sup>r</sup> Calvert tells me he says) to attend to & manage Your Ldp's Revenue for the whole Salary that he is allowed, will it be worth while or answer for two Gent<sup>n</sup> of Ability Character & Fortune to devote their time to that Service or Employment for the same Allowance, & moreover would it appear reasonable that when the Commissary General & Deputy Secretary receive such large Sallaries for Doing little & running no Risk, the Agent whose whole time ought to be devoted to Your Ldp's Service & the management of Your Affairs & who must run great Risks too on Account of the Quantity of Cash he will sometimes have in his Custody should be but scantily paid for his Care & Trouble. Were there to be two Agents & one of them was to reside on the Eastern Shore he must either depute a Person in this City to act for him, or else every one that should have Business to transact with him would be put to great Inconvenience, as for Instance if an Inhabitant of the Eastern Shore wanted to take up a Tract of Land on that Side the Bay he must first ride to the Agent on that Shore to pay his Caution or purchase money & obtain an Order on the Land Office for a Warrant, to procure which Warrant he must afterwards come to Annapolis; & should the Agent happen to be from home when such Person went to pay his Caution money what unnecessary Expence & Trouble would he be put to. But not to mention others would not many of the Inconveniencies which now arise from the Agent's Residing on the Eastern Shore be then continued? Would Your Ldp or Your Lieut Governor have the Benefit of his

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