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It gives M^r Ridout whom I presume you mean when speaking of M^r Young's Letter you say "You imagine my Transcriber blabs" no small uneasiness to know that you have entertained so unfavourable an Opinion of him, however he hopes that the inclosed Copy of a Letter from M^r Young will satisfy you that he hath not been culpable with respect to what occasioned your Suspicion; & indeed it would have been extraordinary had my Proposal concerning M^r Young been made known to him if he had from thence taken Occasion to suggest that he was afraid my Intention towards him was otherwise than he could wish; for you know it was my Intention when a Vacancy should happen to give him a Clerkship (which would probably be worth £200 p^r Ann or upwards, instead of the two Offices that he at present enjoys, which by his own Account do not bring him in much more than a hundred Pounds a year, tho with proper management & Care I believe they would produce near two hundred. I am satisfied that what he told you about his Circumstances being very low is too true, but who besides himself is to blame for that? The House wherein he lived sometime ago was indeed consumed by Fire, tho he could not suffer much by that Accident since it was not his own, & as the Fire broke out in the Day I believe the Goods were all saved; however this is nothing to me nor shall I say more concerning him that that whatever he might have heard or imagined I have always been his Friend & treated him in a Friendly manner, & shall be glad to have it in my Power to provide for Him in the manner I have mentioned; but was I to give him Leave to sell the Offices he holds (which he has applied for) I should not only disoblige Col^o Henry who residing on Pocomoke has reason to hope for & expect that Naval Office on M^r Young's being otherwise provided for, but as the purchase money would probably be soon spent he would then be destitute. As to the questions which M^r Young says Col^o Henry asked him some time ago about the Naval Office of Pocomoke probably they proceeded from meer Curiosity or perhaps from Col^o Henry's having heard as I also did that M^r Young had offered to sell that Office, which proposal had I agreed to Col^o Henry would have been excluded from all Chance of ever being appointed to it, but as M^r Young does not say what the questions were & seems to acknowledge that he was to blame in Drawing such a Conclusion from them as he did I will not trouble you any farther on this Subject. As you do not tell me what particular Information that Richards to whom you have wrote gave you concerning the ill Collection of His Ldp's Rents payable by the Tenants on the mannours & Reserved Lands in Baltimore County I can say nothing in Answer to his Complaint or Intel-

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