

Letter Bk. IV be taken in the Choice of its members who ought at least for the most part to be Gent<sup>n</sup> of good Abilities, acquainted with the nature of the Government & not Strangers to publick Business, otherwise they will not be able to give good Reasons for their own Conduct, or oppose the measures that will at times be pursued by the Lower House of Assembly in order to extend their own Power & render the other Branches of the Legislature of little Consequence, Great Care should as you observe be also taken that no Person be advanced to a Seat there of whose Attachment to the Proprietary & his Govern<sup>t</sup> there is the least Room to doubt; which two Maxims or Rules I hope you are convinced that I have always endeavoured most strictly to observe when I first mentioned M<sup>r</sup> Dulany as a proper Person to succeed his Father, which I did the 10<sup>th</sup> of Dec<sup>r</sup> 1753, I had all the reason in the world to believe I should never have Cause to repent of my Recommendation; His Abilities to serve His Ldp were notorious, he had always manifested an Inclination to do so, & in the Lower House of Assembly had during more Sessions than one defended the measures of Govern<sup>t</sup> & opposed the Violence of a popular Faction, besides I had Room to hope that if he should ever seem inclined to act a different part a Hint from his Father in Law M<sup>r</sup> Tasker for whose Family His Ldp & his Ancestor have done such great Things would restrain him within the Bounds of his Duty. What were His Ldp's Objections to promoting him at that time I cannot tell but you know I was required to recommend some other Person which I accordingly did; however as I was still in hopes that M<sup>r</sup> Dulany tho he was chagrined at another's being preferred before him; might be secured in His Ldp's Interest I took the Liberty, to mention him in more than one Letter afterwards, of which he had Intimations given him, but from your telling him in your Lett<sup>r</sup> of March 1756 "that he was to address me as the Way to advance to Favour from My Ld" I suppose he concluded that I had been amusing him with Stories when I had assured him that I had upon his Father's Decease & afterwards wrote to His Ldp & Yourself in his Favour & it is undoubtedly owing to his being thus confirmed in an Opinion that His Ldp had never promoted him but thro fear of him, & that either you or I or both of us dealt treacherously with him on that Occasion that his Conduct hath not been at all times since quite agreeable to my Wishes; & as neither M<sup>r</sup> Tasker, The Colonel, M<sup>r</sup> Dulany himself nor his Brother Dennis the Clerk of Kent Co<sup>y</sup> received their Offices & Preferment immediately from me or thro my means but by a direct Application to His Ldp or Yourself if they pay me only common Respect it is as much as I can reasonably expect