

from them. The next that I took the Liberty to recommend Letter Bk. IV to a Seat in the Council was Col<sup>o</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Goldsborough a Gent<sup>n</sup> who had heretofore practised the Law in some of the County Courts but having made himself master of a considerable Fortune by Marriage had for some time declined the Practice, p. 110 No Person in the Country had a better Character than this Gent<sup>n</sup> he had never courted Popularity yet was well esteemed by the People of his Co<sup>ty</sup>, had better Abilities than most, & by his Behaviour on the Provincial Bench where I had placed him soon after my Arrival in the Province gave me the greatest Reason to believe that his Behaviour in the Council would be equally satisfactory to His Ldp & Myself nor have I been disappointed in my Expectations concerning him. While His Health permitted he punctually attended His Ldp's & the publick Business notwithstanding his Place of Residence is on the Eastern Shore, when others who enjoyed very lucrative Offices under His Ldp, Col<sup>o</sup> Lloyd in particular, seldom made their Appearance in the Upper House or attended a Council, tho I was perpetually desiring them to do so. For about these two years past we have been deprived of Col<sup>o</sup> Goldsborough's Assistance & Advice by his being afflicted with a Dropsical Disorder w<sup>ch</sup> must eer long & will probably before this reaches you deprive us of him altogether. As to Col<sup>o</sup> Henry he had also heretofore practiced as a Lawyer in some of the County Courts on the Eastern Shore, being a Member of the Lower House he had during many Sessions of Assembly shewed himself a Friend to the Governm<sup>t</sup> & to good Order, had also behaved as a Provincial Magistrate to the Satisfaction of every Body & hath a good Capacity, I thought I was serving His Ldp in Recommending him to a Seat at the Council & as he is succeeded in the Lower House by a Young Gentlemen of much the same Turn I have not one Reason to repent of that Step, nor do I know one Objection His Ldp or any Body else p. 111 can make to him unless that he has sometimes, perhaps once a year, the Misfortune to be laid up by the Gout & lives in a pretty distant Part of the Province, tho if I had not during the War been obliged to meet the Assembly so often in the Winter (which hath never been done heretofore) in all Probability neither of those Causes would have once prevented Col<sup>o</sup> Henrys attending the Publick Business. Of M<sup>r</sup> Bordley the other Gentleman who has a Seat in the Council in Consequence of my Recommendation, I shall say the less as you seem to be already thoroughly satisfied of his Ability & Inclination to promote His Ldp's Interest, indeed I am rather afraid that his earnest Desire to do His Ldp acceptable Service might sometimes carry him into Extreems, he being of a very sanguine Complexion, & lest he should thereby prejudice the