

some Forts which are built on the Frontiers of that Province. Letter Bk. IV
What Report I shall be obliged to make to M^r Pitt & the General when I answer their several Letters You will easily guess when I inform you that having Voted 400 Men the Lower House Resolved (23 against 21) to send up their favourite Assessment Bill again, which was in effect Resolving that they would not pay the least Regard to His Majesty's Requisition, for they cannot I am sure believe that the other Branches of the Legislature after making such a Stand for several Years will now at length invest them with such Power as must in the End subvert our Constitution, especially when there is room to think that it is not of much Consequence to the Success of His Majesty's Arms or the Security of these Colonies whether any Troops are raised in this province or not. Having advised you of what is now doing here which you will be pleased to communicate to His Ldp, I proceed in answer to your several Letters to inform you that having upon the Receipt of Your Packett from M^r Maynadier sent to M^r Dulany & M^r Bordley the Letters which you were pleased to inclose for those Gentlemen, the former came to my House the second or third Day afterwards & gave me to understand that he was acquainted with the purport of the Instructions which you had transmitted to me concerning his being appointed Your Deputy in the Stead of M^r Ridout, whereupon I communicated to him Your Requisition with respect to the Sum of £300 to be by him annually paid to you as his Superiour, to which he answered that he would comply: Agreeable therefore to His Lordship's Instructions I sent to M^r Bordley & upon his waiting on me I informed him of M^r Dulany's Intention to resign the Commissary's Office for that of Deputy Secretary communicating p. 170
to him at the same time His Ldp's Expectations & yours that he would accept the Commissary's Office upon M^r Dulany's quitting it so that M^r Ridout might be appointed Naval Officer of this Port, but I am sorry to inform you that I found M^r Bordley absolutely averse to relinquishing the Naval Office for that of Commissary General & tho I have since talked to him again on the Subject & importuned him to accept, my Representations have had no Effect; wherefore as you have been pleased to appoint M^r Dulany your Deputy & he is very pressing for his Commission I am reduced to the Necessity either of leaving M^r Ridout entirely unprovided for (a Step which after what has passed would convince every Man in the Province that I have little Interest with either His Ldp or Yourself) or of appointing him to an Office which as he never expected it he doubts his own Ability to discharge as he could wish tho as I am persuaded he will in the Administration of it have the strictest Regard to Justice & Equity & will spare no