

(married to another Sister) who having been made Sheriff some time ago at M^r Dulany's Instance is now sued for detaining a considerable Sum of publick Money: The M^r Murdock above mentioned (married to another Sister) a Representative for Prince Georges County with whose Conduct the Govern^t hath very little reason to be satisfied as you will readily discover by recurring to the Journals of the Lower House: M^r Young the Naval Officer of Pocomoke who soon after the Death of his first Wife married M^r Dulany's Youngest Sister, & one D^r Rich^d Brooke a flaming Zealot against papists & a Railer agst the Lord Proprietary of whom you have probably some Remembrance it being the same Person who some years ago before I left England presented an extraordinary Memorial to the President of His Majesty's Council wherein it was alledged that the late Lord Proprietary did in a peculiar manner countenance & encourage the Roman Catholicks in this Province, I must also beg Leave to observe to you that this D^r Brooke hath a Brother here in Orders who is very desirous to be inducted into a Parish in this Province but as his Friends know what is my opinion of him they have never press't me to provide for him, Should M^r Dulany or any other person be prevailed on to recommend him to His Ldp for favour I hope you will advise My Ld of what I have now written & beg His Ldp to decline serving him untill I can have notice of his Application & be able to communicate to you more fully what I know & what are my Sentiments concerning him—What made me when I was writing to you the 26th of May last express my Apprehensions that some one or other had done M^r Ridout ill offices with His Ldp or you was your never taking any notice of what I said to you concerning him in the Letter I addressed to you the 13th of July 1759 & your intimating in a Letter which you sometime ago wrote to me concerning M^r Young that you were afraid the person who transcribed my Letters took the Liberty to speak of their Contents, to which Intimation I thought it my Duty to give an Answer at the same time that I expressed such my Apprehensions; besides as I knew that many people here attached as they are to their own Interest have looked on M^r Ridout with an evil Eye merely because they imagined he would probably at some time or other stand in the way of themselves or their Relations & have some Office or other conferred on him which they may otherwise hope to enjoy I could not think it very improbable that either One or other of the Gentlemen here with whom you correspond had taken the Liberty to suggest something tho I could not guess what to his Disadvantage. I was however very glad to find by Your Letter dated the 20th of June last & by what you have since wrote to me that my Apprehensions

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