

Letter Bk. III knowledgments for this Instance of Your Friendship as well as for Your kind Endeavour to prevail on M<sup>r</sup> Calvert to appoint him his Deputy, Having myself many Reasons to wish that M<sup>r</sup> Calvert would have done so I wrote to him pretty pressingly immediately on Col<sup>o</sup> Tasker's Decease but as I knew M<sup>r</sup> Bordley had likewise solicited the Office for himself I did not entertain very sanguine Expectations. By the Answer I received to my Letter I find it was at first Resolved that M<sup>r</sup> Bordley should be appointed (indeed M<sup>r</sup> Calvert wrote a Letter to him to that purport) if he would engage to pay out of the Fees of the Office £100 a year more than Col<sup>o</sup> Tasker or his Predecessor had ever done, but if M<sup>r</sup> Bordley should decline to accept on those Conditions then M<sup>r</sup> Ridout was to be continued paying still more than was required of M<sup>r</sup> Bordley, but just after these Letters & Instructions were signed a Letter it seems was received from M<sup>r</sup> Dulany at that time our Commissary Gen<sup>l</sup> wherein he likewise desired to be appointed D Secretary & accordingly an Additional Instruction was transmitted to me in his favour to the no small Mortification of M<sup>r</sup> Bordley. Had the latter been appointed in Col<sup>o</sup> Tasker's Stead he was to have resigned one of the Offices he now holds Value £200 (& not £400 a Year to M<sup>r</sup> Ridout, & as by the Additional Instruction he was to be appointed Commissary in M<sup>r</sup> Dulany's Stead he was also to have resigned the other, but he did not choose to make the Exchange, so instead of M<sup>r</sup> Bordley I have now appointed M<sup>r</sup> Ridout Commissary & desired His Ldp to confirm my appointment (at least untill some other Place may be made or become vacant) which if he does I believe M<sup>r</sup> Ridout will be better off than if he had held the other Office on the Terms proposed, unless M<sup>r</sup> Calvert should also insist on his paying him more out of the Fees of this Office than any Commissary has yet paid. In a Letter which M<sup>r</sup> Calvert was pleased to write to M<sup>r</sup> Ridout upon being advised of my having appointed him his Deputy he expressed much Satisfaction thereat professing himself his Friend &c. & in the Letter whereby I was directed to issue Commissions as is above mentioned he tells me that he should have been glad to continue M<sup>r</sup> Ridout had not Lord Baltimore entertaining a very favourable Opinion of his Abilities punctuality &c. signified his Intention "to keep him to his own purpose" intimating that His Ldp being dissatisfied with the Management & Dilitoriness of his present Agent & Receiver Gen<sup>l</sup> has Thoughts of appointing M<sup>r</sup> Ridout his Successor. In answer to the observation you make on a Supposition that M<sup>r</sup> Ridout must have already received great Advantages by living with me I do assure you that except what I gave him in lieu of the Salary which the Doctor by his