

the Knowledge of your concurrence. On M^r Walter Dulany you Vote. In mine the 15th of Jan^y in Answer to his Letter requesting favour and Backed by Letter from M^r Tasker the President I write with reference to his Lord^p and you "the Governour is his Lord^{ps} Representative, have his recommendation to him and you'l gain your Desires; you are sure of my intermediate friendship" he has mine, on no other Terms. M^r Bordley's refusal of Comissary Gen^l is injustice to himself, his hint of Defect in practice got into the Office, his knowledge and resolution would easily have rectified; he seems acrimonious as was his Father, and perhaps may resign his seat in the Council with Employs, his father did, he was of a very Turbulent spirit and had no rest. Time was few of the Council held rich Emolument, it was Honour enough the seat of M^r D— and M^r B— there, they are Lawyers opposites in Competition, one sets up for Popularity the other Discontent of equal danger to their master, as Popularity is to have Faction at Divotion and Discontent is a compound of Fear and Ambition, may neither preponderate to disturb the union of the House. Your friendship has caused to them Honour and wealth and aught not to be forgotten, doubtfull! from too many Proofs of Provincial ingratitude extant to the Proprietary Family.

Concerning Alienation Fines on Demise of the Tenant from you of his Lord^{ps} Inst^{ns} on his Transmission thereof, he was not apprized of any Direction therein had been from the late Lord, nor I by you mentioned under Gov^r Bladen, whose Issue of Proclamation is a Bar of Temporary suspension of that Legal right rested by former Governours to carry favourable Interest to themselves for Gratuity from the People, or I will Tell. In 1716, an Act passed, For granting a Duty of two shillings Sterling on Tobacco Hoghs^{ds} exported in Lieu to the Lord Proprietor for all Quit Rent and Alienation Fines: the Act had been a Lenitive modus of Temporary duration, this modus of paym^t caused the Recev^r Gen^{ls} neglect, Knowledge and attention from regular keeping and enterance on Register the Quit Rents in value to the Proprietor from the Landholder, became almost in oblivion, this the Tenants and their Representatives were well apprized, and it became De Politico Corpore in the Lower House to embarass the Proprietor on Re-granting of the Act, with a clause incerted prejudicial or of trouble to the Proprietor, this absurd Doctrine tending to Democracy as Lodging the Legislative Power in the common People or in Persons chosen out of them, Governour Hart nettled at the Attempt got Knowledge of the Proprietor Quit Rents and by Presumption in value of Alienation Fines; on Quit Rent more