

Ground in Annapolis for an Office; nevertheless I find that his prejudices against some of the Gentlemen nominated to inspect his Accounts are too strong to be overcome & I believe he will sooner submit to be displaced than conform to that Article of His Ldp's Instructions. As in order to contract his Business he seems also inclined to resign the Office of Treasurer of the Eastern Shore which indeed is of little Value I intend after the next Session of Assembly to offer it to His Brother in Law Mr Holliday for I do not see how it will otherwise be in my power to shew my Regard for that Gentleman since I have no Objection whatever to Mr Bordley's resigning the Attorney General's Office to young Mr Key immediately after the End of the next Session of Assembly. Was either Mr Holliday or Mr Key to be appointed before that time their Seats in the Lower House would be declared vacant at the opening of the Session & it would probably be three or four Weeks before they could be re-elected. As I think you must be satisfied by what I have already said that Offices are wanting to gratify the Desires of such Persons among us as think they have reason to expect them rather than Persons to fill the Offices I do not suppose you will choose to encourage Colonel Barnes to return hither with any such View as you mention; before he went hence with an Intention to commence Tobacco Merchant We were on very good Terms & was he to return I suppose we should continue so, but as I understand the Conversation you had with Mr Dulany was after you desired my opinion of Col<sup>o</sup> Barnes I presume you had yourself dropt all thoughts of appointing him to the Agency & therefore think it unnecessary to trouble you any more on that matter. I have agreeable to Your Desire turned to His Ldp's Instructions dated the 16<sup>th</sup> of Dec<sup>r</sup> 1756 relative to the Revenue Act of 1704 & find that the several Acts in that Instruction mentioned were made at the times stated in such Instructions, & as to the Reasoning thereupon I do not for my part see any Deficiency. In answer to your question concerning the Tunnage Act of 1661 I am to inform you that the Proceedings & Determination of the Privy Council in the Reign of King William with respect to that Act confirming the Tunnage Duty to the Lord Proprietary is recorded at large in one of our Council Books. As the Bill you speak of entituled "An Additional Supplementary Act to the Act entituled An Act for quieting Possessions &c. never came to the Upper House I do not know what was the purport of it, but you may be confident that if it should be offered & have a Tendency to weaken His Ldp's Right to Alienation Fines or to deprive him of any other Right it will not meet with my Assent or Countenance. The Paper Currency Act made in 1733 will expire in Sept<sup>r</sup> 1764 so