

wanting it would be right, But thats not the case ; who you send must be resient, he will be rec^d with much Grumbling & discontent by all & Substantial good Men of Hon^{ble} & sufficient Credit will regard such a proceeding a slur upon them & of Loss, they will resent it & it is not Policy. Beware of such a step ; you have by Instructions sent M^r Lloyd as soon as y^r Office of Rec^r Gen^l is compleated & Established, you have noted in such Instructions proper checks Essential to gain the return of a fair acco^t & a thorough insight into all yourr Private concerns from Hon^{ble} Persons in y^r Provincial State in Employs, they upon annual inspection into y^r Agents Acco^{ts} will not pass fraud nor injury they'l get nothing by it, they must & will be check upon one another & will return you a fair acco^t & persons concerned in y^r Revenues must adjust fair as their whole transactions will be open in day Light & all Erors will have the Best advise How to rectifye ? & y^r Instructions & Deeds will be ready in the Office. attendant as to stability & to improvem^t of such y^r concerns, he reply'd, he for the present would wave the Step, from his dependance on my Judgem^t saying write to the Gov^r to Effect what you propound and convince me my Being is & let there be an Establishment of such an office at Annapolis, it will make Easy to me all my own happiness by the chance of a just acco^t I am now intirely deprived of as even reflects shame upon my self to suffer ; & his Lord^p observed, the non performance of such a requisition to his contentment, brought on his much anxiety, I therefore think it my duty to admonish thereof, there's no doubt of your affection & good will to him in all things. But others want to be Quickned in obedience to him. If a change of Rec^r Gen^l must be you seem alarm'd ab^t Col. Barnes. Now here, you say, " I do not suppose you will chose to encourage Co^l Barnes to return hither with any such views " (Say) " you & he were upon very good Terms " Of M^r Barnes he nor I have sought one another, we have meet by accident. he informed me his design was England, if he could establish his sons here. he express'd himself with the utmost regard & in the most obliging manner concern^g you Public & private very respectfully, & said a better Gov^r than you could not be to the Province. he has since inform'd me that his project for his sons Emolument here will not do, therefore thinks of his return to Maryland, where he has a good Settlement, & where he has had sucess with risque of Ruin. he's very fond of his two sons, I am not surpris'd at, they are of Personage very engaging & well accomplish'd, Maryland Born, & the father has been a Representative in the Lo: House as an unprejudiced man. In discourse I have observed him a Person of good sense & his Character is so & men