

still receive foreign Gold & Silver at such Rate, & were any of them to refuse it & endeavour to take Advantage of the peoples Want of Sterling Cash I am confident the Lower House of Assembly would immediately make an Uproar about it & either address me on the Occasion or issue a Warrant for bringing such Farmers before them. By that way then the Farmers can make no profit & as in order to make their Annual Collections they must open an Account with & Dun every Land Holder in their Counties by some of whom they will be often put off beyond the time they are themselves obliged to settle with the Agent & some of whom will never pay them unless they can find Stock on the Land to distrain, I am apt to think very little can be got by farming the Quit Rents at Ten p<sup>r</sup> C<sup>t</sup> which Comm<sup>n</sup> does not I believe in some of the Counties amount to Thirty pounds which is less than a Common Clerk in this Country would ask for his Years Service. In answer to His Ldp's question why the Receiver General's Office is not established whereby he may gain a View of his private Affairs I must beg leave to remind you of what I have often repeated to you viz that Col<sup>o</sup> Lloyds Residing at so great a Distance from Annapolis & having a Multiplicity of Business of his own to mind makes it impossible for him to give that Attention to the Agents Business (itself enough to employ any Man) as His Ldp might reasonably require & you may remember that he made besides some Objections to the Plan that His Ldp by an Instruction was pleased to prescribe for his Agents Conduct. If instead of directing Col<sup>o</sup> Lloyd to build a Room in Annapolis as a Repository for Rentalls Counterpart of Leases, Annual Accounts &c he had directed me to have such a one built, it should have been finished long ago, & indeed as he has so long neglected it, I have a Mind to set about it myself, but if it was now built I do not think it would be made any use of unless the entire Plan that was prescribed to Col<sup>o</sup> Lloyd for transacting the Agents Business & passing his Accounts here annually was to be pursued & I believe you have long ago seen enough to know that Col<sup>o</sup> Lloyd is not one that will or can (while he lives at such a Distance from Annapolis) execute that plan to His Ldps Satisfaction, nevertheless he would I suppose be much chagrin'd was he to be deprived altogether of his Office tho most people seem surprized that having so many Affairs & such a large Estate of his own to manage he will on any Consideration undertake to manage anothers & it is a doubt whether he does not by doing so really suffer considerable Loss. M<sup>r</sup> Goldsborough has for some time been at his old Habitation on the Eastern Shore whither he retired on Account of the Small Pox's being in Annapolis, but I expect