

recovery of the fees. Again, Is there any Island or Settlement belonging to the King, where the Laws have not placed the same guard upon, and taken the same Security from this Office, and are not all the requisites in every one of them performed by Deputys, they take the Oaths, give the Security, and are Personally Amenable to every Government; If further Satisfaction be wanting, Respondeat Superior, and therefore the Principal has the Precaution to take a previous security for the Protection and Indemnity of his Office. My Experience, which was first learnt under your Brother, and since Conf<sup>d</sup> by my own practice, has given me some Insight into this business, & I have drawn many a score of these Bonds and Deputations in my time, and in all the Appeals and Parliamentary applications I was ever concerned in, I do not remember to have seen a Transcript from America, which was not Attested by the Deputy Secretary, nor do I remember a Deputation ever to have been given by the Gov<sup>r</sup> Except upon a death to prevent a Stoppage of Justice, till a new Appointment can be transmitted; but I know of many Powers given to Governors, as well as others, by the Principal to Depute to the Office for him upon a Vacancy, till further Orders. But I ask your Excellencys Pardon for Entring so far into this matter. The accompanying Instruction renders it unnecessary for the present, and his Lordship is desirous in this particular that M<sup>r</sup> Dulany sh<sup>d</sup> be Accommodated in his own way, I have therefore avoided touching upon the Question to him, and have only hazarded a few hasty sentiments for further Consideration, If any future occasion sh<sup>d</sup> make it necessary.

The Salary your Excellency will remember was not my Proposal originally, I found it without Objection and repeated it as I found it. The value never Entred into my Consideration, nor did I Look after or Countenance Offers for advancing it. Indeed his Lordship took it into his own hands, M<sup>r</sup> Dulany was of his own Nomination, as were the terms, because he thought them agreeable to him. What his Ldship will do, now he finds it otherwise, must be referred to his own Discretion and generosity, for he has made it his own concern, to me he has promised it shall make no difference, at the same time directing me to enquire of your Excellency where any burthen proposed to be taken from this Office can be more properly placed.

It was with concern I Perceived the confusion and distress of the Province at the time your Excellency wrote. The Scene is now happily Changed, and the past troubles will only serve to heighthten their present sensations of Joy; If the other Provinces sh<sup>d</sup> come before the Throne with their Thanksgivings