

Letter Bk.IV but had you sent over a Deputation empowering him to execute the Office as your Deputy & to receive the Fees which may accrue (he to secure you the payment of so much p^r ann.) I do not see how Objections could be then made to the Recording His Ldp's Commission to you & such your Deputation: As I presume from what you write that you & he have settled by Letter what is to be paid you Annually out of the Office I have nothing to do with that matter but if that Office will not afford to pay the £200 settled by M^r Calvert (who raised it indeed from £50) I really do not know what other Offices can be burthened to make good the Deficiency for the Rest are much inferiour in Value to that even when burthened with £200 excepting the Land Office which is at present divided between two viz Mess^s Calvert & Stuart & the Office of Agent & Receiver General which by the Sale of the Mannours & by the Scarcity of Vacant Land to sell will soon be greatly lessened, & It is not I think unlikely that when it shall be known that M^r Dulany has upon your Appointment so much reduced the Sum which was by himself & his Predecessors paid M^r Calvert out of the Secretarys Office, the Commissary Gen^l whose Office is a Judicial One & not held by Deputation might think himself also too much burthened especially as his Office is much more troublesome, requires constant Attendance & is less lucrative than that of Secretary. As to the Deputation from M^r Calvert to M^r Dulany of which His Ldp found a Copy I knew nothing thereof till M^r Dulany told me that M^r Calvert had such Deputation prepared but that upon his Representing to him that he could not act under it nor produce it in the Province M^r Calvert said he was content that M^r Dulany in case he made him the Payment required should act under the Commission I had issued in his favour. I shall in Consequence of the Intimation you give me prompt some of the Assembly when they meet in Nov^r to express their Loyalty Gratitude & Attachm^t to His Majesty & the Parliament in a becoming Address. The Proceedings of Parliament during the late Session have indeed given the greatest Satisfaction to His Majesty's American Subjects & will I hope meet with a proper Return from Them. Being a little afraid the immoderate Heat of the weather at this Season & in this place particularly might subject me as it did last year to an Ague & Fever I shall make an Excursion this Week to Frederick C^{ty} where the Heat is more moderate & do not expect to return before the Beginning of next Month you will not therefore be surprized at my not writing by the Ships which may sail hence within that time tho if any thing extraordinary should happen M^r Ridout will not fail to advise you thereof by the earliest Opportunity. The Laws made at the