

Letter Bk. IV Conditions therein mentioned I embrace the earliest opportunity to acknowledge my Receipt thereof & to return your Ldp Thanks for favouring me with it so early that I may communicate the Contents to the Gentlemen of the Upper House before the Affair of the Ordinary Lycences can be again brought on the Carpet which it will I doubt not during the Course of the next Session of Assembly which according to the last prorogation is to begin the 28<sup>th</sup> of this Month. I am also at this time to inform your Ldp that the Loss of M<sup>r</sup> Brice & Col<sup>o</sup> Henry two Justices of the Provincial Court who died lately on the Circuit the Absence of Doctor Steuart from the Province & the Inability of M<sup>r</sup> Darnall & Col<sup>o</sup> Hall other Justices to attend the Provincial Court at this time having made it highly expedient that a new Commission should issue I have thereby added to the surviving Justices the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Col<sup>o</sup> Hooper of Dorchester County who had been heretofore in the Commission, M<sup>r</sup> James Weems who had for many years been Chief Justice in Calvert County, M<sup>r</sup> Leeds of Talbot County, M<sup>r</sup> Beal Bordley of Baltimore & Major Jennifer who is now a Resident in this City having upon the Death of M<sup>r</sup> Ross been lately appointed by Col<sup>o</sup> Lloyd to act as Deputy Agent. They are All in my opinion Gent<sup>n</sup> of Integrity & well attached to your Ldp's Government & as well qualified as any I know to administer Justice unless some Gentlemen of the Law could be prevailed on to relinquish their Practice & sit on the Bench which can never be expected while the Allowance made the Provincial Justices for their Attendance is little more than sufficient to defray their Expences. The Naval Office of Pocomoke of the Annual Value of about £50 stg having become vacant by the Death of Col<sup>o</sup> Henry & M<sup>r</sup> Leeds having thereupon applied to me for an Appointment to it I could not help complying with his Request when I considered how many years he had given his Attendance as an Assistant & Commissioner in the Affair of the Dividing Lines having on Account of his Mathematical Knowledge been desired to do so both by M<sup>r</sup> Ogle & Myself, I hope therefore your Ldp will approve of my Appointment. I have also upon Col<sup>o</sup> Lloyds desiring Leave to resign the Office of Treasurer on the Eastern Shore a Place of about £20 or £30 a year Value appointed M<sup>r</sup> Hands Treasurer in his stead, Col<sup>o</sup> Hooper having when I offered the Comm<sup>n</sup> to him declined accepting it. By the Death of Col<sup>o</sup> Henry & your Ldp's having never since M<sup>r</sup> Holliday excused himself nominated a Member in the stead of M<sup>r</sup> Key, there are now two Vacancies in your Ldp's Council & there will probably within a year or two be other Vacancies for both Col<sup>o</sup> Hammond & M<sup>r</sup> Cha<sup>s</sup> Goldsborough have been some time in an ill state of Health. As it