

Letter Bk. IV present Attorney General had he not been accused by one Allen Thomas to M^r Jordan of having some years ago spoke of His Ldp at some publick Place in the most disrespectful Terms, by a Copy of M^r Goldsboroughs Letter to me on being advised thereof you will see with what he was charged & the Answer he gave thereto, which upon the Receipt thereof I shewed to M^r Jordan, who some Day last Month brought the Informant to my House to repeat to me what he had said, but he then retracted so far as to say it was not in a publick Company M^r Goldsborough had made the Declaration laid to his Charge but in his Fathers House when no Person beside his Father the present Commissary General, a first Cousin & he the said Informant was present, now both the Persons mention'd solemnly deny their having ever heard M^r Goldsborough speak of His Ldp otherwise than with the greatest Respect, & did it rest only on the Credit & Character of the Informant & the Accused there is not a Person in the Province that has the least knowledge of the Men but would consider the Story as a malicious Falshood invented purposely to injure the Attorney General, who has it is well known given great Offence to the Party whose Tool the Informant has been ever since he arrived to the State of Manhood by opposing & defeating them at more Elections than One & condemning freely on many occasions their Practices & outcries against the Government. In my Letter to His Ldp I have taken the liberty to mention a few of many Circumstances that concur to prove Thomas an infamous Lyar which indeed I long ago had reason to think him, while there is not a Gentleman in the Province but entertains a high opinion of M^r Goldsboroughs Honour & Veracity, on Consideration whereof I hope His Ldp will himself signify his Disbelief of the Accusation by appointing M^r Goldsborough to one of the Vacant Seats in the Council, which I really think he is as well qualified in every respect to fill as any Gentleman in the Country, & in my opinion it will be for both His Ldps Honour & Interest to shew that he places some Confidence in him & is not to be influenced by any such idle Report. To the other Seat in the Council vacated by the Death of Col^o Hooper I have recommended M^r John Beal Bordley a Gentleman of Abilities good Character & possessed of a considerable Fortune being one of those whom I mentioned to His Ldp in a former Letter. In my Letter to His Ldp I have transmitted him a Plan for introducing & establishing a Bishop in N^o America that was lately put into my hands by two Clergymen from the Northward who came hither to consult our Clergy thereon & to solicit my Countenance, but I thought it my Duty to refer them entirely to His Ldp with whose Charter Rights & Pre-