

can truly say that in neither Instance did I consult my own Inclinations but only considered on whom His Ldp would choose to bestow those Offices. So long ago as December 1760 your Predecessor in Office speaking of M<sup>r</sup> Plater said "My Lord recommends him for Favour," repeated the same in another Letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> April 1761, again in May 1763 & in a Letter signified to M<sup>r</sup> Plater that I was instructed to bestow on him that Naval Office as soon as I should have an Opportunity; When therefore it became vacant I thought myself in a manner obliged to give it him especially as he was put aside once before when he expected an Appointment. Desirous to know Whom His Ldp would choose to prefer to the Commissary's Office in case of its becoming vacant & not wishing to have the Disposal thereof myself in my Letter to M<sup>r</sup> Calvert of the 16<sup>th</sup> of August 1765 which His Ldp in one he favoured me with the 8<sup>th</sup> of Nov<sup>r</sup> following acknowledged to have received I mentioned that M<sup>r</sup> Goldsborough was then in an ill State of Health & added "Was an Accident to happen to him whom pray in such Case would His Ldp have appointed Commissary General?" & in a Letter which I did myself the honour to address to His Ldp the 22<sup>d</sup> of Oct<sup>r</sup> 1766 I put him in mind of M<sup>r</sup> Goldsboroughs continuing in an ill State of Health & hoped His Ldp would have given Instructions about a Successor. When he was reduced so low that there was no probability of his recovering M<sup>r</sup> Daniel Dulany applied to me & earnestly desired that in Case of M<sup>r</sup> Goldsboroughs dying the Commissarys Office might be given to his Brother which It was hardly possible for me to refuse when I considered what signs of Confidence & Regard His Ldp had on all Occasions especially of late shewn towards the two Brothers & I well remembered what a Dust had been raised here by them & their Friends in 1760 upon my declining to appoint M<sup>r</sup> Walter Dulany Deputy Secretary his Brother being then Commissary General, His Ldp will therefore I flatter myself when he considers all Circumstances excuse me for issuing the Commission in M<sup>r</sup> Dulanys favour, the Office was of such a Nature that there was an absolute Necessity for my appointing some Person capable of discharging the Duties of it, none else applied for it, nor had I at that time any Reason to think that M<sup>r</sup> Allen wish't to enjoy it, or that His Ldp would prefer any Person before him to whom it was given. What would have happened had M<sup>r</sup> Allen on M<sup>r</sup> Goldsborough's Decease been appointed Commissary General it is easy to guess by what has happened, nor do I think any thing worse could happen was M<sup>r</sup> Dulany to be now superseded or obliged to take an Associate than would have come to pass had I rejected his Brothers Request on his behalf. Upon my telling M<sup>r</sup> Allen