

to the latter to have continued. I understand from M^r Bordley Letter Bk. V that he has received a Letter from M^r Edmund Jennings advising him of Captain Eden's having purchased the House in which I live & that some Workmen are sent from England to repair it against Captain Eden's arrival, I shall therefore begin to remove my Things out of it immediately that the Workmen may not be delayed, for really they have a good Deal to do, the House wanting many Repairs & the Offices being in a very ruinous Condition.

It affords me great Satisfaction to be assured by My Lord himself as well as by you that my Conduct in general during the time I have had the honour to bear his Commission hath met with his Approbation & that His Ldp still entertains a favourable opinion of me. The Reason His Ldp condescends to give for appointing me a Successor is very sufficient & satisfactory, the Expectations Captain Eden had entertained from the time he had made such an Alliance were natural & extremely reasonable & I sincerely wish he may from their being now fulfilled derive much Benefit & happiness. That my Administration here was drawing to a Conclusion I had great room to expect from many Hints M^r Jordan thought fit to drop while he was in the Province nor was I at all concerned thereat for really to speak my mind freely I had within these two years met with some Rubs & had some Difficulties to encounter that made me uneasy & which it is altogether needless to recount to any one not an entire Stranger to late Transactions in the Province. Unluckily for me I have it seems by your Letters taken a few Steps within that time which chagrined His Ldp not a little. I mean the appointing M^r Walter Dulany Commissary Gen^l Col^o Plater his Successor in the Naval Office of Potuxent, the Rev^d M^r Allen His Ldp's Agent in the stead of Col^o Lloyd who resigned & Major Jenifer Keeper of the Western Shore Rent Roll. Had I in making such Appointments been actuated more by private Pique at others or by an overweening Fondness for Favourites of my own His Ldp would have had good Reason to be dissatisfied, but the Motives that govern'd me on those Occasions were indeed of a very different Kind & the principal of them was (as must have appeared to every Man in the Province) really & truly no other than a Solicitude to fulfill what I apprehended were His Ldps Intentions & Desires. As I have in former Letters particularly in one bearing Date the 24th of Feb^{ry} last reminded you of some Passages in His Ldp's Instructions in M^r Calverts & your own Letters that as I thought pointed out M^r Dulany & Col^o Plater for the Offices they now respectively enjoy I shall at present only observe that was the Naval Office again vacant I do not think it could be more