

Letter Bk. V according to what shall then offer, & your Excellency will please to receive it as an actual immediate Commission or as Instructions from His Ldp for the particular Commission as you will find it most effectual to answer His Ldps Intentions." Col^o Lloyd having in Feb^{ry} last express't to me an earnest Desire to be discharged of his Agent's Office which I then press't him to hold till My Lord should himself appoint him a Successor, I had no doubt but he would readily give it up at a Moments Notice & therefore when M^r Allen waited on me in Consequence of Letters to him which came inclosed in yours to myself & desired that I would without Delay fill up to him the blank Commission for the Agency (since I did not think myself at liberty to confer on him the Commissarys Office & he declined accepting that of Keeper of the Rent Roll) I intimated to Col^o Lloyd that I was then authorized to appoint him a Successor & that therefore he might resign at the ensuing Lady Day or sooner if it was agreeable to him. In Consequence of such Intimation Col^o Lloyd came over the Bay to deliver up to his Successor such Papers relative to his Office as it was proper the latter should have in his possession but a Question having arisen whether the Revocation of his Commission might not affect some Causes in which he as His Ldps Agent was Plaintiff or Defendant particularly that of Brerewoods I thought it incumbent on me to delay issuing a Commission till I could procure the Attorney General's Opinion, whereupon M^r Allen was pleased to write me the following Note. "Sunday March 27 M^r Allens Compliments to Governor Sharpe & desires to know whether the Express is returned from over the Bay & begs to know the Contents of the Attorney General's Opinion. M^r Hall has farther declared his opinion that his Name may with the Consent of Parties be made use of instead of Col^o Lloyds at the next Court & that it is immaterial whether John a Nokes or John a Stiles be the Defendant of My Lord's Title. M^r Allen has been informed that his Enemies (in which Number he flatters himself His Excellency is not included) would use every possible Art & Evasion to set aside his Commission. It was dropt likewise at M^r Carrolls Rout in public that he may yet be disappointed. A Gentleman told him he knew what was going forward, but these Reports did not then affect him which now have given him the greatest Concern. Upon reviewing the Copy of M^r Hamersley's Letter to your Excellency & a Letter from himself & from My Lord to M^r Allen it is very evident that the Best Place in the Province was intended His Ldp desires & expects M^r Allen may be immediately provided for & the better it is & the sooner it reaches him, His Ldp will be the better pleased. M^r Hamersley in