

Letter Bk. V for M^r Allen as his Friend & to put him upon a Footing of Independance & that is the Length His Ldp means to take him & desires it may be so understood without entering into further particulars." Now upon considering what had pass't between us with regard to M^r Allen Could I expect to be told in your Letter dated the 18th of July last that "His Ldp was surprized & displeas'd at the hasty Appointment of M^r Allen to the sole Exercise & Administration of so Capital a Department. He always desired (say you) such an Establishment for M^r Allen as might place him upon an independant Footing & if he could not proceed sufficiently in his Ecclesiastical Walk that a Secular Employ might be found for him, such as a Share in the Commissary's Office, the Keeper of the Western Roll, Naval Officer, or the like, which were repeatedly pointed out by my Letters both to you & him, but His Ldp never entertained the least Imagination of Conferring the first Employ in the Province, an Office of all others the most interesting to himself which required an intimate Knowledge of the Country & of every Law & every Branch of the Revenue arising within it & the greatest Skill & Experience in Accounts & which he was at the same Instant recovering from the Confusion & Irregularities which had crept into it from long neglect & Inattention upon a Stranger newly come into the Country (however he might be attached to him) in preference to all his antient Tenants many of whom he is satisfied are possess't of All the Qualifications requisite for the Employ, much less did he mean to turn M^r Lloyd out abruptly but to leave it to him to make it his own Act & part civilly, an Event His Ldp was taught by your Excellency's Letter of the 9th of Feb^{ry} to expect about Michaelmass next"—After being told that His Ldp had destined M^r Allen to the Commissary's Office & was chagrined at my having appointed M^r Dulany to succeed M^r Goldsborough, Could I conceive that His Ldp or you had any Objection to his filling a Capital Department; tis true you did mention the Naval Office of Potuxent but not till after Col^o Plater was appointed, & you particularly pointed out the Office of Rent Roll Keeper as one you apprehended might be acceptable to him, & had you stop't there I should have known what I had to do, but when you proceeded "and to That or any other now vacant or which may become so either in Consequence of any Resignation of M^r Lloyd or of any new Regulations to be proposed by the Commissioners or by any other Accident His Ldp desires & expects M^r Allen may be immediately promoted & the better it is & the sooner it reaches him His Ldp will be the better pleas'd &c" Could I comprehend your Meaning to be that in Case Col^o Lloyd should choose to resign the