

Agency I was not on any Account to confer on M<sup>r</sup> Allen that Office? Did Col<sup>o</sup> Lloyd hold any Office beside the Agency & the Keepership of the Rent Roll? or what other Office was there any probability of my being able to bestow on M<sup>r</sup> Allen? What Expectations both His Ldp's Letters & yours had encouraged that Gentleman to entertain are fully explained in his note to me of the 27<sup>th</sup> of March, he absolutely refused to accept the Rent Roll & Nothing less you see than one of the Best & Capital Places would have contented him. If he remonstrated against my delaying only for a few Days to put him in possession of the Office to which both he & I supposed His Ldp intended he should succeed What Lengths might he not have gone had I refused to appoint him Agent at all. Would he not think you have treated me as a Contemner of His Ldp's Orders? The Truth is I did conclude from your Letters that His Ldp would be well pleased at M<sup>r</sup> Allen's being appointed Agent, both His Ldp & you seemed to entertain not only the greatest Esteem & Friendship for him but the highest Opinion likewise of his Abilities, & I am for my part satisfied that with regard to that Matter he is full as well qualified to discharge the Duties of the Agent's as of the Rent Roll Keepers Office. My Lord who had long been intimately acquainted with him seem'd to have placed in him entire Confidence, & was it for me to make such an Objection to his being Agent as that it was an Office of all others most interesting to His Ldp? Had I told him by way of Objection to his having it that it was an Office 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, might he not have said how do you know Sir the Extent of my Skill & Experience in Accounts, Does His Ldp's Revenue arise from more than a very few Articles, are the Laws relative thereto multifarious or difficult to be understood, or does the Business of the Agent make it absolutely necessary that he should understand Algebra or the Doctrine of Fluxions. Is it not enough for him to be Master of the four first Rules of Arithmetic & to know how a Sett of Books ought to be kept, & if you can suppose my Knowledge does not yet extend so far, am I so deficient in point of Capacity as not to be able in a few Days to learn what is often taught to Children under ten years of Age. then as to my being unacquainted with the Laws of the Province Could I in that Case have been qualified for or been destined to the Commissary's Office, or even to a part of it, when by Virtue of such Commission to me I must have sat as Judge in a Supreme Court & have had perhaps to determine various & intricate Points of Law, & as that is an Office in which All the