

qualified for that Office than the Gentleman he recommended, that I thought his Services to the Government & his Behaviour towards the Ld Proprietary & Myself entitled him to it, & that I should not fail to write to My Lord or yourself in his favour which you may remember I did in my Letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> of Nov<sup>r</sup>. Surprized at your telling me that Major Jenifer informed you by a Letter bearing Date so long ago as the 25<sup>th</sup> of Dec<sup>r</sup> that I had then appointed him Keeper of the Rentalls on the Western Shore I communicated to him that part of your Letter whereupon he assures me that he never in his Life wrote to you till the 25<sup>th</sup> of March last (& that the Letter was not transmitted before April) when it seems he informed you that I had (viz on that very Day) authorized him to take Charge of the Rent Roll & express't his hopes that thro your good Offices he might be continued Keeper of it. On Colonel Lloyds Resignation it was necessary that some Persons should be appointed to keep the Rent Roll & it was not till after M<sup>r</sup> Allen had refused it that I desired Major Jenifer as I express't myself to you the 24<sup>th</sup> of Feb<sup>r</sup> "to take Charge of it till His Ldp's Pleasure respecting that Office could be communicated to Me.

Unapprized as I was of His Ldps favourable Intentions towards M<sup>r</sup> Merewether & not knowing on whom he might be inclined to confer the Office, to whose Custody Could I more properly commit the Rent Roll than to a Person who as Deputy to Col<sup>o</sup> Lloyd had for some time had the Care of it, & was experienced in the Business. If it had been His Ldp's pleasure to continue him I am satisfied he would have discharged his Duty in such a manner as would have done Credit to my Recommendation, for he has during the short time the Rentalls have been in his Keeping done a great deal towards rendering them perfect, & in my Opinion as much Assiduity Circumspection & Capacity is necessary for the Rent Roll Keeper as for the Agent. Without taking notice of his being a Person generally known & well esteemed throughout the Province, his unexceptionable Conduct as a Justice of Peace for many years, as a Member for some time of the Lower House of Assembly, as a Provincial Justice, & his Attendance as a Commissioner for running the Boundary Lines (when Gentlemen enjoying very lucrative Offices excused themselves from the Trouble) gave him as I conceived some Pretensions that M<sup>r</sup> Merewether cannot yet have & I am apt to think never will; however as the Major is in easy Circumstances having by a successful Trade considerably increased his Paternal Fortune he will I hope be as happy without the Office as if it had been confirmed to him. I am sorry we were not sooner favoured with your Opinion relative to the