

Letter Bk. V Pennsylvania allow to each of their Commissioners & as M<sup>r</sup> Malcolm the only Mathematician nominated in your Ldps Commission was unable to attend at the time it arrived & died soon afterwards I thought there was a necessity for having some other in his stead & M<sup>r</sup> Leeds was acknowledged to be by far the best in the Province, your Ldp's Agent here will therefore I hope be authorized to pay him. None of the other Commissioners who acted on behalf of your Ldp have exhibited any Account nor do I suppose they intend to make any Claim for their Attendance. In the Letter I address't to M<sup>r</sup> Hamersley the 30<sup>th</sup> of last Month I informed him that M<sup>r</sup> Carroll One of the Gentlemen whom your Ldp was lately pleased to nominate a Member of the Council & Upper House had declined qualifying & while I was on the Eastern Shore I received the following Letter from M<sup>r</sup> Mathew Tilghman bearing Date the 8<sup>th</sup> Inst. "Sir I purposed to have waited upon your Excellency at Annapolis about this time according to my Appointment but understanding that you will be on this shore & judging it improper to delay any longer the Notice of my Refusal I take the freedom in this manner to signify to your Excellency that I do not incline to accept the Agents Commission or to take a Seat at the Council Board. I am by no means insensible to the honour done me by Ld Baltimore in these Appointments & I beg your Excellency will be pleased to return His Ldp my Thanks with an Assurance that I shall always endeavour to retain a just Sense of his Favour. I have the honour to be with the greatest Respect &c." On my Return to Annapolis I communicated the Contents of M<sup>r</sup> Tilghman's Letter to the Board of Revenue & desired their Advice what Steps ought to be taken with respect to the Agents Office which they were of Opinion could not after what M<sup>r</sup> Hamersley had wrote to Me the 18<sup>th</sup> July & after what he had wrote to M<sup>r</sup> D Dulany be any longer continued to M<sup>r</sup> Allen & as that Gent<sup>r</sup> had given out & indeed intimated to me that he had Thoughts of leaving the Province very shortly in order to repair to your Ldp they were of Opinion that he ought to be called on immediately to produce to the Board a general Account or State of what Monies he had received & remitted to your Ldp to the 29<sup>th</sup> of Sept<sup>r</sup> last which he was accordingly desired to do but refused to comply till the 25<sup>th</sup> of March next. In Consequence therefore of their Opinion & Advice I issued a Commission last Saturday to M<sup>r</sup> Dan<sup>l</sup> of S<sup>t</sup> Thomas Jenifer who before M<sup>r</sup> Allen's Appointment acted as Col<sup>o</sup> Lloyds Deputy here & by that means was well acquainted with the Business, for my own part I was very sorry to find myself again in such a Situation not knowing how far this Step might meet with your Ldp's