

Letter Bk. IV declined introducing him to the Council at that time intending however to do it as soon as the Assembly should be dismissed but upon his intimating to me on the Day of the prorogation that he would rather have it postponed till the latter End of June when he is to come over to Annapolis & be qualified I could not but approve of the proposal being of opinion with him that his being put into the Council immediately after the Session during which he had been very active & constant in opposing those whose Schemes & Proceedings we condemn might be represented to his Disadvantage as if he had not acted on principle in opposing such Measures but purely to obtain a Seat in the Council; for this & some other Reasons which he mentioned his Admission into the Council is as I have already said put off till next Month of which I flatter myself His Ldp will not disapprove & if there should be any among us who may think the Seat ought to have fallen to their Lot & may thereupon take the Liberty to exclaim against his being so distinguish't, for really after the Liberties they took with M^r Ridout I know not what Lengths such Persons will not go I hope no Regard will be paid to their Representations. As M^r Ridout had learnt that it had been suggested he was disagreeable to the Members of the Council (the contrary of which I am confident is true) & had reason to think such Hints had been given to Yourself he desired my Leave one Day while the Assembly was sitting to mention it to the Gentlemen of the Council all of whom were present except Col^o Hammond who lay dangerously ill during the whole Session & M^r Thomas who being also sick could not attend; Whereupon after expressing to him their Surprize at the presumption of him or them who had taken the liberty to suggest any such thing & the Satisfaction it gave them to see him at the Board they unanimously agreed to present an Address or Letter to me on the occasion & forthwith drew up & severally subscribed the Paper of which I inclose you a Copy. Col^o Lloyds Ship which he expected from the West Indies being detained there in the Government's Service I shall have the Pipe of Madeira for His Ldp & one Dozen Hams put on board the Susanna Capt Arbuckle consigned to M^r Russel which unless any unforeseen Accident prevents will sail next Month under Convoy of the Chesterfield & I shall send another Doz of Hams by Capt Ayres in M^r Tho^s Philpot's Employ who I am told will sail at the same time. I mention this not knowing whether His Ldp would choose to have Insurance made.

P. S. Inclosed are Bills of Exchange amounting to
 £125 9 3½