

Letter Bk. IV which as he managed it he could receive very little Profit was taken from him & conferred on a Gentleman who had infinitely superiour Pretensions & he still continues Surveyor General of the Eastern Shore an Office worth to him at present more than a hundred Pounds a year his Friends cannot with the least Justice say he has been hardly dealt by, whether he may have any in England who will concern themselves so far as to interest Themselves on his behalf I know not, if he has I am sure they can offer little in his favour, & as to His Alliance in the Province it is such as I have nothing to apprehend from it, nor could I expect a single Friend the more for doing him any Services in my power but on the contrary might disoblige others whose Abilities & Conduct set them in a much more advantageous Light. If when a Clerkship becomes vacant M<sup>r</sup> Dulany will bestow it on him agreeable to the Instruction you sometime ago sent to Colo Tasker so that he may resign the Surveyor's Office he will readily meet with my Approbation, that being an Office where he will have no Cash pass through his hands besides his own & which he might get a Deputy to discharge, & it will at the same time be to him as it were a handsome Annuity, but whatever may be the Value of his Income his Oeconomy is such as will always keep him in much the same Condition & Circumstances. The Reverend M<sup>r</sup> Dowie having presented me His Ldp's Instructions I inducted him into the Parish of S<sup>t</sup> Johns in Queen Anns County vacant by the Removal of M<sup>r</sup> Maynadier to All Hallows; there are at present only two Clergymen in the Province unprovided for whom I would recommend to His Ldp's Patronage, M<sup>r</sup> West one of them who is a Native of Virg<sup>a</sup> where he was also educated seems to be a well behaved Young Man & having brought me Letters of Recommendation from Col<sup>o</sup> Washington of Virg<sup>a</sup> & from a Gentleman in Charles County where he sometime officiated for M<sup>r</sup> Swift with my Approbation officiates at present as a Reader or Curate in Westminster Parish in this County. The other Gentleman's Name is Lauder from Scotland who has also for some time with my Approbation officiated as a Reader or Curate in a small Parish in S<sup>t</sup> Mary's County, it being contiguous to that of which M<sup>r</sup> Urquehart a Relation of his hath been many Years Rector. I do not know any of the Inhabitants of the Province who are intended or who will bring up any Children for the Church, should any such be recommended to me I shall not fail to advise His Lordship thereof. The M<sup>r</sup> Smith whom you are pleased to recommend to me has waited on me since his Arrival & desired me to appoint him the next Sheriff of Charles County but as that Office was long ago promised to the Brother of One Major Jennifer a