

other Gentlemen who have since been distinguish't by Your Ldp I some Years ago mentioned one M^r Philip Key a Gentleman of considerable Fortune & good Abilities in S^t Mary's County as a Person very proper & worthy in case of a Vacancy to be made a Member of Your Ldp's Council. As the whole Tenor of his Behaviour in the Lower House of Assembly before he quitted & made room for his Son who is now a Member of that House was such as became an honest & moderate Man I am persuaded his Conduct in the Upper House would be as unexceptionable, & therefore in case a Vacancy should be made by the Death of any other Gentleman of the Council two or three of whom (particularly M^r Thomas who is now very ill) are old & infirm I should be glad to have Your Ldp's permission & Instruction to introduce M^r Key to the Council whenever there shall be a proper Opportunity. In one of my Letters to M^r Calvert I have informed him that there are at this time two Clergymen in the Province who have desired to be recommended to Your Ldp's favour & seem by their behaviour to endeavour to merit it. The Gentlemen's Names are West & Lauder the one a Native of Virginia & the other of Scotland. They have for some time officiated as Curates in two small Parishes which were vacant in this County & S^t Marys called Westminster & S^t Andrews, if it be Your Ldp's pleasure to have them inducted to these or other Parishes which may become vacant I flatter Myself the Parishioners will have no reason to be displeas'd at their Promotion. As I entertain hopes from what M^r Calvert is pleas'd to intimate to me that Your Ldp will permit me to appoint D^r Upton Scott Clerk of the Council in the stead of M^r Ross his Father in Law (who is now far advanced in Years & as he cannot read so distinctly & easily as he did some time ago would willingly resign in his Son's favour) I take the Liberty as I am confident that the Doctor is more agreable to the Gentlemen of the Council in general than any other Person in the Province to desire Your Ldp's Leave to appoint him, & to let M^r Ross continue Naval Officer of Potuxent after he has made good M^r Darnall's Deficiency until his Death shall make room which it will perhaps in few Years for the Advancement of M^r Plater or any other Gentleman whom Your Ldp may think worthy of Your favourable Notice. By the first Opportunity that offers after the several Naval Officers shall have rendered an Account of the Duties by them respectively collected before the 29th Inst which I suppose they will do within this Month I shall not fail to send Your Ldp an Account of the One Shilling p^r Hhd down to that time & to remit a Bill for the Ballance which on Settlement of such Account may appear due to Your Ldp tho as