

In order thereto, M^r W^m Gouldsbrough by you is of the Council, M^r Calvert as you offer'd him in the Land office, M^r Stuart's remove out the office has been Occasion'd by his being run hard by Adversaries chalenging their own Merrit ag^t him they said had none, M^r Bladen set up M^r Tasker Jun^r for Deputy Sec^y ag^t M^r Bordley y^r Recomendⁿ from you whom I had accepted of & My Lord approved, by Letters from the Province & Merch^{ts} have joyn'd with M^r Bladen they represented him in so disagreeable obnoxious a manner to my Lord that I was forced to give him up as Sec^y however Resolv'd their Policy shou^d not take place as to M^r Tasker Jun^r I therefore started M^r Plater for Sec^y he was so undeniable a good man they could make no Objection ag^t him therefore he has the appointment, and in Order that M^r Stuart shou^d be easy as they could make no Alligation of Wrong ag^t him I therefore stood his friend & gain'd the Proprietor's Consent as you had not desired his Removal, however if removed, M^r Tasker Jun^r in his place of the Land Office & he to succeed M^r Tasker Naval Officer of Annapolis, M^r Bladen hesitated he Question'd whether his Nephew wou^d accept the Remove I told him that was not with me, if he does'nt then M^r Stuart is where he was. Here is one M^r Harrison here whom M^r Bladen set up to succeed M^r Plater at Patuxent the Objection with me was not to give up M^r Bordley Quit & thinking it unjust to abandon the Attor^y. General I therefore Plan'd in Regard to them both as p^r Instruction, w^h My Lord approved of with^t Hesitation & I hope will show M^r Bordley his Lord^{ps} inclinations towards him & a way if can be contrived to Defeat his Adversaries & to his gaining favour by your Recomendation. You will observe by Instⁿ M^r Bordley was Naval Officer with^t Limitation & had been so, had his Adversaries Quit'd him. I therefore form'd the last Instⁿ to nominate him as of Service to My Lord, in case M^r Darnell could otherways be provided for—the Duke of New Castle is run hard in the Political Warehouse in Britain & in Minature I with Maryland—By their return to you two vacancy's are in the Council, for my part am at a Loss who to put in, & those who have been recommend' here by others as they might be disagreeable to you My Lord has Consented ag^t further promotion therein, until he hears from you in relation thereto. M^r Lloyd who always writes very well & obligingly of you requests such favour for M^r Charles Goldsborough, he has & is an opponent I observe to My Lord, if he can be brought off to Act reasonably he is by Character a Man of Abilities for such Station; if you approve, he has also wrote