

his Salary to the 10th of Oct^r £142-10, To Ditto the East shore £108:2:10 Charg'd with^t Names, the first was to himself. If you can provide for M^r D— at Patuxent or R. Roll-keeper either scituation will make Room for M^r Bordley to accept I hope of being Attor^y General with something Annex'd to it, tho' this is Subject to M^r Plater's Acceptance of My offer to be my Deputy, a Person I am not so fond of having as I was, he is old & not properly Qualified to carry into execution the business of my office with me, M^r Bordley is & from your recommendation I approve of him. if M^r Plater makes Doubt of my Prop[os]als press not the matter on him, let him remain as he is at Patuxent. If you find the Rent R. keeper suitable for M^r D. then My office is at Liberty to offer others; I cannot think my Lord wo^d Object to M^r Bordley being My Deputy on his Acceptance of the Attorney General's Place & continuing in the Lower House as his Remove can be to the Upper House in due time; his Lord^p being only prejudiced ag^t him by wrong representations of others who have a long time been Accostom'd to Rule the Roast to their own Interest if you think it proper to appoint him as I here mention his Acceptance being under the Conditions I offer for my Deputy Noted in my Publick Letter, I think you may venture to do it, by representing to My Lord the Absolute necessity of his Affairs required a Person of Abbilites in Office as his Attor^y General, I'll support the appointment & do think there is no doubt of carrying it ag^t all opposers, tis' absolutely for my Lord's Advantage, you must lose no time therein: If you approve not of that measure. I desire y^r recommendation may fall on some Person at the Council Board not of or intierly of the Old Stamp of Politicks at the Board. as to M^r C— I have a real value for him but can't think him proper, he is very unknowing & link'd with disagreeable People, M^r P.— must be a weak man, the Attor^y writes me word he has inform'd him of all y^r Discourse by Proposition on the Subject of Mine & your offer as Deputy Sec^y M^r Attor^y deseirs to succeed thereto with a place at the Council, as that is a matter can't be under any Notion as I can form proper I have refrain'd my answer to his Letter, otherways than in My Posⁿ these are matters that bring you under great & Nice Tryall. God send you good Deliverance, I as of y^r Counsel will do the best for you as I have rec^d & shall ajust with M^r Jenings to the time of his being out of the Office w^h is to the date of appointment by my last Letter that is when you Ordered it to take place it will be proper for me to know thereof. If M^r P— refuses w^h I hope he will, on a New Person being