

appoint'd it will be proper to settle the Perquisites & dues of the Office with the Clerk (who I suppose is M^r Brice) since y^r appointment took place & will be due on a New appointment of a Person. I shos^d think half to the Clerk is well sufficient, the other half to be regulated according to paym^t to me in my Publick letter, But of this I leave intierly to you. The Inspection Law I will Endeavour its Continuance during its Limitedd time, as it will be of bad Consequence to be otherwise. As to his Lord^{ps} desire I acquaint'd you concerning Members of the Lower House having Preferments, 'tis a matter I had from him & as he Reads & agrees to all things before I transmit you my Publick Letters it was a Proposition by his Order enter'd therein; I believe he had it from M^r Bladen who I think knows better, It will be & like as you Observe, to Countenance the Virulent of that House, giving them preferment will be like beheading a Hydra where three Serpents Heads are fabled to have immediately sprout'd out in th Place of One. However as there is hardly no Rule without Exception, as you have done to his Lord^p among those you have recomended being of & have been Members of the Lower House to be of the Council, when you let your choice fall on such a Member I wo^d Acknowledge to him it was in obedience to his Lor^{ps} desire, that you wo^d do so when consistant with the well conducting his Affairs, & I wo^d set forth to him with great difference the real Reasons ag^t too often carrying his Proposition into Execution, his good Sense will easily discover it. I have spoke to Hanbury who takes kindly y^r Comp^t for not writing to him. You will do well on all Acco^{ts} to satisfye My Lord's desire to M^r W. he depends upon it I can't persuade him from it. I return you much Thanks for y^r Bills 3 amo^{ts} to £125:6:8 y^r kindness with Respect to My Sister also deserves much mine & her's thankfullness to you of w^h we beg your Acceptance, of w^h I think you will do well as you mention to repay yourself, & what shall happen to fall in your Power for her Service wee do not doubt of your friendship & kindness therein. I beg you will acquaint M^r Calvert that M^r Philpot has been with me who says the Commissioners of the Custom will soon make Report of the Affair between him & M^r Sterling to the Lords of Trade & Plantation, the Effect of w^h he apprehends Certain will be Dismission of the Latter from his Employ^t at Chester River, I think he deserves it for chicanary.

M^r Dulany & M^r Tasker are backward in paym^t to me I pray the favour of y^r reminding when Occasion offers to them thereof. the first's conduct appears Odd to My Lord, it