

to him, he having large Disbursements. And of this Pray Note to him.

I am concern'd for Col. Plater's Death and Occasion of another Deputy Secretary. His Lordship has Signified to me and in Instructions to you his Approbation of M^r Tasker Jun^r to be by me appointed, which I am ready to Do, On the same Conditions I sent and Offered M^r Plater to be by you Communicated. viz. Giving Bond of Indemnification to me for fidelity in his Discharge of the office, paying me £200, p ann by two half yearly Payments, and Payment Directed at once to his Correspondent in London. This you know was my Offer to M^r Plater after Sinking a £100 p Ann to his Advantage from an Office at least deemed £700 p Ann. from it's Perquisites and Advantages. The Secretarys of all other Colonies Commission'd by His Majesty for Life with Power to Depute Deputys, the latter some pay their Constituents pro Rata £800, none under as I can Learn £600 p Ann, having only the Extra Profits as Perquisites to them; Giving Bond of Indemnification, with Security here Given by their Correspondents to their Principals, of whom they receive their Annual Payments. As to Indemnification he may Give it you there, transmitting his Order of Payment to me on his Correspondent in London; On his Acceptance thereof I will by the first Advice from you, transmitt my Deputation to be delivered him. In the mean time on his Acceptance as mentioned you may appoint him.

His Lordship sends you his best Wishes and is pleased with several Accounts and Intelligence to him contained in your Letters. I have delivered your Letter to Sir Thomas Robinson Secretary of State. The Box you lately sent the Papers &c^a by was Landed in the West of England, and came from thence by the Post charged at £14.6.0. The Person who you trusted to pack it, put in five Bars of Lead loose, which so black'd and damaged the Papers, as some of them were not Legible, others Rags being so Tattar'd

I remain with Peculiar Esteem

Yours most Sincerely

Cecil^s Calvert

Pos^t By your Pos^t in yours of the 19th of April, you desire my opinion, whether his Lordship on ordinary Lycencies; would be averse to Submitting a true State of that Case to His Majesty in Council for a Final Determination. I think he would, It has from Act of Assembly been Acknowledged and Granted, and been taken as a Right from his Ancestors. As to Acts, In 1717—Section The 1st Says. It is humbly hoped his Lordship will be favourably pleased to accept of