

Remiss in the Intelligence of a Benefice for him, as 'tis a Mark of His Lordship's Kindness agreeable to my uncle M^r Lee's Request to him. M^r Williamson you mention is arrived to obtain Holy Orders. I've told him as you Express. That His Lordship can make him no particular Promise (the same I shall to M^r Eversfield) until M^r Thornton, M^r McPherson, and D^r Sharpe are Inducted into Benefices agreeable to My Lord's Orders.

I am obliged to you for your delivery of mine of the 17th of March to M^r Lloyd, who has since sent and is received to My Lord's Account, Bills of Exchange, viz. £1531..7..8¼ and £3690..15..5¾. This is far short of the Money I Conceive in his hands to My Lord. he has had several Letters from me from the 10th of December to this time, not only about the transmitting of Money, but with relation to Affairs of Consequence; and of which he writes he is prevented in Answering by Cruel Illness in his Family. I am concern'd he has any Sorrow and Trouble, however think the Punctual Discharge of the office he holds is of such Importance to My Lord; That with the Assistance of his People in whom he must Trust to Act, he might Execute in giving His Lordship Satisfaction, who is Uneasy with relation to his Conduct. It gives me Concern to mention any things to you which is the Duty of Others to acquit themselves of; which I do, not doubting of your regard in General for the Proprietor's Welfare will Excuse it; As he may receive Advantage by your Noting to them of their Neglects.

By the Inclosed Account you sent, Given you by M^r Tasker and M^r Dulany who hold the Commissary's Office; the Annual Produce is indeed very Low at £240 Sterling. My Brother Edward who enjoy'd in Maryland that office more than twenty years ago, and whose Clerk is here in Office at the Custom house M^r Gibson, Estimates to me the Office then under his Care as deputy, brought in between 6 & 700^t p ann Sterling; Since which the Province is greatly increased with People, from whence might be reasonably Conjectured from the Demise of Persons, the Income of Fees must be greatly augmented in Value. With Regard to this Office His Lordship speaks to you in His Instruction Inclosed of the 9th instant, as well as to many material particulars of yours; therefore shall Close on yours of the 9th of July by way of Virginia, In which you observe as you have done through all your others. viz. The Burgesses Determination to do Nothing either for His Majestys Service or their own Protection, unless the Points for which they have been contending were given up to them. My Lord has Acquiesc'd as to