

agree & keep the staff of Enacting Laws with regard to private Concerns in their own Power.

It is with Concern I understand by y<sup>rs</sup> of the 9<sup>th</sup> of Nov<sup>r</sup> that the meeting of the Assembly appeared averse towards granting a Supply to his Majesty. Hope the Event & Issue of the Assembly has proved the Contrary. you write, if the Parliament shos<sup>d</sup> take the Conduct of Our Assembly & Neighbouring One & ease them the making Supply Bill, by making them One It wo<sup>d</sup> greatly ease the Governors of the Colonies Application for such, But wo<sup>d</sup> Subject American Property Ad Libitum to Parliament to Tax, when begun might prove greivous. It must be so, if the Colonies will not show more regard to His Majesty & to themselves in Support & Defence of the Crown. The Poll Tax you mention seems the properest; as the Rich will pay the most & the easiest collected. You wo<sup>d</sup> enable me to Speak concern<sup>s</sup> by informing the proper Quantum stir<sup>s</sup> by Assessment p<sup>r</sup> Ann: & under what regulations? such a Scheme wo<sup>d</sup> furnish me with proposition to a Minister.

Inclosed is a Duplicate of His Lord<sup>ps</sup> Instructions the 23<sup>d</sup> of Oct<sup>r</sup> 1757 ab<sup>t</sup> Tunnage Duty on Virginia Ore Vessels &c. You'l give Satisfaction & pleasure To M<sup>r</sup> Pitt Sec<sup>y</sup> of State by peculiar Corespondence Necessary on all Publick Affairs of the Province & by often doing, he Expects such as a Duty to his Station & office. My Lord observes M<sup>r</sup> Lloyd's deficiency not only to the improvem<sup>t</sup> of his Land Affairs, But of his remittances to him. He is too Rich to Consider other Concerns, 'tis best he wo<sup>d</sup> resign his office, if he would, the Bearer M<sup>r</sup> Holliday a near relation of his, One by Education, Honor Sobriety & of good Security renders him capable to supply the office on the Eastern shore Especially as his residence is on that shore, he is likely to settle my Lord's Affairs to Answer & M<sup>r</sup> Thomas in the same Capacity resident on the Western Shore. I have mention'd not to M<sup>r</sup> Holliday, leaving these matters to y<sup>r</sup> better Judgement. Beg leave to recom<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Holliday to y<sup>r</sup> favour as well deserving, & approved of by My Lord.

My Lord drops M<sup>r</sup> Wogan's Affair & M<sup>r</sup> Young's the Latter of being of the Council of State, compliance to neither not necessary at least at present. I sho<sup>d</sup> be glad to hear of M<sup>r</sup> Boardley's being of the Council. I know of no Objection My Lord has to such Appointment, he is the Only Corepondent except y<sup>r</sup> self of Abilites & knowledge I have—so will be of real service to My Lord's Affairs. Inclosed in mine the 23<sup>d</sup> of Oct<sup>r</sup> I remitted you a Protest'd Bill of Exch: the drawer Nathan Magruder on Silvanus Grove