

Jan^{ry} I have the 10th of mine the 12th of Sept^r last, & am well satisfied that all provincial concerns under your Conduct will have happy Issue during his Lord^{ps} absence, w^h I fear will be longer than ought to be; By his last Let^r at Naples the 14th of March rec^d he says, the 3^d of April he shou^d take his departure for the Levant Islands, in his Voyage to Constantinople, where he designed to be in the Autumn Season; I hope his venture thro' such Climates may prove successful. the risque is very hazardous. Regarding the Addresses on the Birth of the Prince of Wales, from you & the Council of Assembly to the King & Queen w^h I wrote you were presented, was before the receipt of y^{rs} above. Opening y^r Let^r to his Lord^p of the 15th of Nov^r; it feeling Bulky, I having on such occasion his Leave, I rec^d inclosed y^r Acco^t to his Lord^p for 1762 & y^r Bills of Exch: value £261.8.1—Bal: of acco^t to him, the Bills I have deliv^d to Mess^{rs} Hanbury for his use. As for the preced^s year, y^r Acco^t to him I wrote you Acknowledgement last year. Y^r Pipe of Madeira for My Lord & 10 Hams are rec^d the latter were to a come by Cap^t Ayres. the Dozens of Wine & other Hams not deliv^d Touching M^r Key, M^r Ross & M^r Scott, I wrote early enough to have his Lord^{ps} answ^r if it shos^d happen his departure to the East was before my Let^{rs} arrival, on any intelligence thereof I will give you Notice for y^r favour to them; However, particular to the two Latter, M^r Ross having complied by y^r Acc^{ts} paym^t to his Lord^p the Default of M^r Darnall, I conceive no objection ag^t the continuance of M^r Ross Naval Officer nor to the placing M^r Scott Clerk of the Council directly; yet I can't refrain Advice ab^t M^r Ross, represented by Persons from Maryland & also here, that he enjoys many Lucrative Employs amt^s to considerable value; this his Lord^p Notes as too partial & thinks it proper he shou^d yeild a share to others, agreeable to the times; he is Aged & must be Rich. M^r Dulany here has on Occasions spoke of you with great respect, says, the only wish he has is for favour to his Brother M^r Walter Dulany to be stationed in some Employ; that his Brother has been Stedfast to the Lord Proprietors & the Administⁿ of Govern^t near 20 years, with^t any Mark of favour, why he conceives Not. This is a matter I take the Liberty to recomēd to y^r favourable consideration. It will be Gratuity to M^r Tasker & M^r Dulany & give content to Walter Dulany & be productive of Amity to the Govern^t with them who are significant in the province; this may be afforded out of the several Employs M^r Ross Holds, on his continuance Naval Officer; on whose Death M^r Dulany may be his Successor at Patuxent Port. The only Cause that moves me hereunto is Union; tis the Duty of me & by My