

resign to M^r Jenifer whom he has not appointed, To refuse the one would be flying in the Face of his Authority, to do the other would be a breach of Trust. How far M^r Jenifer's Security may weigh I cannot determine, my personal Security may be as good as his, and M^r Morris a Gentleman worth £40,000, and my Brother, Chaplain to the Duke of Montague, a Pluralist with an Estate in Expectancy, would have given any Security required as soon as they arrived in London in the Winter, and Letters had passed between my Lord, M^r Hamersley and those Gentlemen upon the Subject, my removal therefore appears equally unexpected and precipitate. Lib. No. 86

I think it extremely hard that His Lordship's good intentions should be frustrated with regard to me in every respect and put in execution with regard to every other Person tho' scarcely known to him by name. M^r Hamersley repeatedly assured me that I was destin'd to the Commissioner's Office or part of it, or for the Naval Officer's place of Patuxent. If the immediate Commission be not already filled up, it remains to be filled up, and half the Commissary's Office is as much vacant now as it was then, and I may hope that your Excellency would exert your Powers in one case as in the other.

I should be extremely sorry that my Lord's Affairs should suffer thro' me. They have not yet suffer'd since I have had them for eight months in my Hands, nor do I think they will suffer at all if I keep them four months longer 'til His Lordship's pleasure is known. I am very clear that no man can Act legally as Agent but upon my voluntary Resignation (if then) or by Deputation from me. I beg you will pardon the freedom of my Pen on this occasion being, with great Consideration,

Sir, Your Excellency's most obed^t &
most humble Servant.

Bennet Allen.

On the above Letter being laid before the Board by the Governor, and on Consideration thereof, as well as of the Depositions of Mess^{rs} Jenifer & Stone: It is the opinion of the Board, that M^r Allen be again called upon to render an Account of all Sums of Money received by Him since his Appointment to the office of Agent and the Remittances made by Him, and unless M^r Allen do comply with this Order, it is their further Opinion that the Attorney General do put his office Bond in Suit: But that M^r Allen may have no Colour for Complaint of rigorous Treatment, the Board recommend that the Attorney General may be instructed to call upon M^r Allen, explain the Irregularity and Indiscretion of his Conduct and advise him to comply with the order of the Board, p. 40