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thereto by this conveyance I have wrote him, that as  
his Resignation of his Lordships ~~Commission~~ office of agent  
is his own Desire, I shall communicate the same to My Lord  
Proprietary for Directions therein to him. I never hope he will  
postpone all thoughts thereof until My Lord's being of age, which  
will be the 6<sup>th</sup>. of February ensuing; that in the mean time as I  
expect My Lord soon from abroad, he may expect early to hear  
his Lordship's thoughts hereon.

At this Office as to its Trust Business and the several  
transactions are of the utmost Importance to the Proprietor,  
in as much as his Lordship's whole pecuniary substance arising  
to him from his several branches of Revenues within his Province  
of Maryland, for the due Execution thereof depending on the  
Integrity, Sufficiency and abilitys of the agent and Receiver  
General; I have therefore fixed on you as a Person deserving  
the situation of so great a trust; the only Persons I have  
communicated such my thought to, are Messieurs John  
and Capel Hanbury, who offered in your favour, that they would  
be bound as your securities in any sum that should be required  
on your behalf by the Lord Proprietary.

If therefore on My Lord's arrival home shall advise him  
of you and as there can be no reason of any obstruction against  
your having the Agents Office; I do not doubt of obtaining his  
Lordship's consent to your appointment. In the Interim, as no body  
will be acquainted with this step, save such as are herein mention-  
ed; I desire you will keep it an intire secret in the Province;  
I hope this my proposition of favour will be agreeable for your acceptance,  
of which I desire your early advice, and that you'll believe  
I am with peculiar Esteem. Sir

Believe me to be  
Your Friend and humble Servant  
Charles Clowth.  
I shall stand fast to Mr. Parker  
in all things in support of his Lordship's  
Government committed to his care, especially  
as you are a member of the Council  
of State.