

the great Hind of more Councils for the more speedy
 Dispatch of Business respecting his Majesty's & the
 Countys Service in all Affairs of the Hou^{es} & other
 Matters... coming before them by the Hind whereof
 their usual Delay of Business & more Especially by
 the Death of three of his Majesty's honorable Council
 therefore thinks to recommend them to his Majesty as
 Persons fitting to serve in that Quality & Station in
 the Room & Stead of the honorable Coll^o Geo Robottum
 Coll^o Nicholas Greenbury & Coll^o David Brown
 having opportunity & Esteeming them Gentlemen
 not only qualified but also well affected to his Majesty's
 Interest & Government & free from espousing any
 private Parties against his Majesty's Royal Authority

Therefore the said Gentlemen do severally returne
 his Excellency their humble & hearty thanks for the
 great Esteem he has conceived of them & for the favour
 & honour they are likely to receive by being so recom^m
 mended. It being represented that ^{Lieuten^t} Coll^o Ridgely of Ar^m
 Arundel County hath often applyed himself to his Excellency
 to be discharged from his Command being aged & infirm
 & for that Coll^o Rich Greenberry the former Colonel of
 the said County is dead it is thought fit upon the Request
 of Thomas Touch^{ey} accusing himself in not being con-
 sidered in any Military employ he being constituted Judge
 of his Majesty's Court of Vice Admiralty on the Western
 Shore of this Province & taken up with other Business
 Captain Hill by reason of his being an Ancient Officer
 be constituted ^{Colonel} Major John Hammond Lieu^t Coll^o
 & Mr Charles Greenberry the son of the said Coll^o
 Greenberry deat^t Major of the said County & that they