

Case. I fear the French will again take Possession of that Country & then let the General's Success be ever so great, we shall be in as bad, if not a worse, Situation, than we were last Winter. The Shewerality of Colcest City will soon become vacant, - Mr. M^r. Graham did, & have always received £20 - p^a Ann. from the present Sheriff to whom was given, on that Consideration; - Mr Young has been with me desiring I will permit him to appoint the next that he may continue to receive the fifty Pounds a Year which Mr. Young tells him I have his Lordships Orders to grant. - Mr Shinner of Colcest City at the same time expects the next Shewerality in consequence of the Letter you gave him to me unsealed, he is not one who would make any Allowance out of the Income, therefore I am at a Loss what measure to pursue so as to offend neither, I hope you will favour me with your Directions & that I shall receive them before the time, that I shall be obliged to make any Alteration - Mr Tacher tells me he has sent you the whole Acc^t. of Mr Hides Affairs with the late Lord Baltimore & what was done therein by him as Agent. I am unwilling to write to his L^{dy} unless I had better News to acquaint him with, wherefore I shall defer it till I again address myself to you in the next time, am Sir &c.

Copy of the 29th Letter to Mr Colcest transmitted by Sirg. dated 9 July.

As I am dispatching an Express to Sirg. I request the favour of God's Blessing to put this on Board the first Ship that sails, to acquaint you that finding the Burgesses determined to do nothing either for his Majesty's Service nor their own Protection unless the Points for which they have been contending, were given up to them, I prologue our Assembly yesterday Evening after they had requested me to be dimissed, in the Abuse of the Session they presented me with a furious Address against Roman Catholics which you will see inclosed; as I thought it contained ~~some~~ indecent Reflections I thought it improper to let it pass unanswered as you will see by the Papers herewith transmitted. The Occasion of it - was the late Prefarment of the Attorney General who unhappily was Favourite with the People, to the Naval Office of