

into the Lower House agst. Papists, this was reported much to
 their Disadvantage in their respective Counties & much to
 their Interest. Mr Dulany would have offered himself
 Candidate for this City, but as his Brother Walter who has
 represented it many Years, & Mr Bordley had been canvassing
 I did not urge him thereto especially as at that time
 entertained hopes of his being approved to succeed his Father
 in the Council. At Mr Tasker's Request I appointed him
 joint Commisary, for such an Assistant. Mr Tasker told
 me the Business of the Office requires; as joint Commisary
 he has principally transacted the Business of the Office, w^{ch}
 must of Necessity interfere a great Deal with his Practice
 as a Lawyer, because he must often give his Advice, & sit as
 Judge when he would otherwise be retained by one of the
 contending Parties & in the Character of an Advocate receive
 a good Fee. This being the Case & the whole Profits of
 the Office not very large, one cannot be very much surprized
 at his asking leave to resign as I have already told you he
 sometime since did. He continues as yet to Assist Mr Tasker
 till I receive your Instructions for appointing some Gent^l
 to succeed him for Mr Tasker cannot & will not suppose
 undertake to execute the Duties of the Office alone. I shall be
 glad to make Mr Darnal easy because you desire he should
 be made so, but I hope he will not be approved of as one of
 the Council lest it should Occasion great Uneasiness & Dis-
 satisfaction among the People. One of the Offices you mention