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keeper of the Western Shore Bent. Moll, till the Chesapeake falls, & desires I will second her in making such a Request. I have spoke to Colo. Lloyd to resign it & accept of the Eastern Shore Moll in lieu thereof; & at the same time gave him in writing a Power & Order to dismiss Mr. Tilghman from the Dops Service as soon as he had brought him to a proper Account; & made him resign up all the Books & Papers which he has relating to Dops Books. I do not know whether Colo. Lloyd has yet discharged Mr. Tilghman but he is entirely averse to accepting that himself in lieu of the Western Shore Moll, & Mr. Darnall also declines & refuses to accept either. The inclosed is a Copy of Mr. Darnalls Lett in Answer to the Proposal that in Obedience to the Dops Instructions I made him, he has at present the Naval Office of Potuxent which as he does not reside near that River he executes by Deputy; unless I receive Instructions to the contrary he will continue to enjoy that place; but should the Dops be willing to have it conferred on any other Gentle. I submit whether Mr. Darnall may not on Mr. Youngs Resigning the Offices he holds at present for one more lucrative be appointed Naval Officer of Pocomoke, the Duty of which he might perhaps be able to execute by one of his Sons who I am told resides near that River. in such Case the Surveyorship would buy a Friend in the Lower House who might receive the Profits, & to prevent it's being known that the Office be held in some third Persons Name as has been heretofore done; or that Office might be conferred on one of the Council or otherwise as you shall judge best. Mr. Darnall I hear entertains very sanguine hopes of being one of the