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for the Western Shore; & as Mr Darnal will accept neither  
but chooses to hold the Naval Office of Potomac I could not be-  
saw any such Post on Mr Thomas is your Sdp directed in those  
Instructions & as Mr Tasker does not choose to have a Copartner  
in the Comisary's Office I cannot make Mr Thomas joint Com-  
-misary as I thought I might agreeable to your Sdp's Instructions  
of the 9<sup>th</sup> Sept. Your Sdp was also pleased to order me to  
appoint Mr Young to the Naval Office of Potomac, to be  
Surveyor Gen. of the Eastern Shore & a Member of your Sdp's  
Council: in making him Naval Officer of Potomac & Surveyor  
Gen. of the Eastern Shore I had anticipated your Sdp's Command  
& had moreover given him the Nomination to the Sherwalty  
of Calvert County whence he receives £ 50. Stg a Year. Out of  
my own Desire to serve Mr Young who is become related to your  
Sdp as well as in Obedience to your Sdp's Instructions, on his  
saying that he would rather have one lucrative Employment  
than his present Office I assured him that in anything con-  
-sistent with your Sdp's Interest he should find me most  
ready to gratify his hopes & Expectations. He thereupon told me  
that if the Clerkship of Kent County should become vacant  
& I would order the Secretary to appoint him thereto he should  
think himself well provided for, I answered that I should be  
glad to have it in my power to give him a Clerkship & would  
make his Request known to Mr Calvert; but observed to him  
that if he was to accept such a Place, he would be in some  
sort disqualified to be of your Sdp's Council, as there seemed  
to be an Impropriety in a Gentleman's being such a Minis-  
-terial Officer as a County Clerk is, at the same time being