

a Member of a superior Branch of the Legislature; to which
Honour or Dignity I indeed advised him for the present to waive
his Pretensions I told him that by doing so he would in my
Opinion seem to consult Your Majesty's Interest; upon a Consciousness
that the Superior Qualifications of the Gentleman whose Name
I have taken the Liberty to mention to Your Majesty might in
the present Situation of Affairs & State of the Council be more
serviceable than he could hope to be he seem'd to acquiesce
said he would consider on what had been the Subject of Purport
of our Conversation. As he is lately removed hither I have since
had an Opportunity of conversing on this Subject with Mr Young
who does not seem much inclined to consent to her Husband's waiving
his Right to a Seat at the Council; tho' as she is desirous of
his having a lucrative Employment as well as Honour she joins
with him in asking a good Clerkship but as none may possibly
become vacant for some time she hopes Your Majesty will not be
averse to appointing him in the interim Keeper of the Western
House Rent-Roll as that being already perfect may be properly
kept without any great Difficulty or Skill. Your Majesty will
be therein as You may judge best, but if the Naval Office of
Admiral was vacant I think that would be more desirable than
either the Rent-Roll or a Clerkship I would not disqualify him
for being a Councillor if Your Majesty should choose to distinguish
him by that Title. Inclosed I send Your Majesty a Copy of my
Speech to the Assembly at the Opening of this Session with the
Addresses of both Houses in Answer thereto. The Burgesses have voted
I suppose for this King's Service & their Committee have been
ever since framing a Bill in consequence of such Vote, so we
have