

Concern but to avoid any such Suspicion I shall if it be agreeable
to Your L^{ty} Pleas & Inclination, without the least Reluctance part
with any Power of nominating, to vacant Offices as that is a Privilege
or Power which in my Opinion no Governor has reason to be very
fond of, for my own part I can assure Your L^{ty} that it has made me
many Enemies & that on Account of the Recommendations that I have been
obliged to accept of has been very ready in my Power to make a Friend
of that means. I have before observ'd that out of 7 I accepted, Col^o Boyd
Recommendation of 4 I thought who are to were the only Officers that I
have the Appointment of I might as well have added that I have never refused
but one Person whom Your L^{ty} Agent has mentioned to me that was a
Scotch Tutor who brought me an Introductory & recommendatory Lett^r from
him the first arrived in the Province, accordingly I accepted the Person
but when a Number of the Gent^l of the County hearing what I had done
subscribed a Petition & desired me to qualify them so far as to appoint some
more agreeable Person, were not in unusual Circumstances to be Sheriff of their
County, I went to Col^o Boyd & desired him to excuse me from doing a
thing so disagreeable to the People immediately on my Arrival, as my appointing
the Person he recommended could be & was difficultly procured on him to
nominate a second, of a reasonable one after he had refused to give secu-
rity for the Behaviour of him whom he had first recommended. Mr Leabont
tells me that in consequence of a Letter from the Hon^{ble} Mr Jones of L^{ty}
desires to be certainly inform'd whether it would not be much for Your
advantage to have the South Branch of Potomack determined to be the
County Seat or that since Your L^{ty} might be pleas'd to remember
that soon after my Arrival in the Province I made particular Enquiry concerning
that matter & sent the Lord Fairfax & Gov^r Dismallic thereon lest you L^{ty}
should have forgot what I said at that time on the Subject I take the Liberty
to inclose Extracts of my Letters whereby Your L^{ty} will see that that is
no new Discovery of Mr Jones but now an Alteration, it ^{now} to be made is the
only question of Difference, I do not in the least doubt both from what I
have myself seen & heard, that the South Branch ought to have been