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the least Hint of my being averse to serve him, but that on the contrary
he had told him that he sees it is not in my Power for that No Post
which I can bestow will suit him except a Naval Office & that he
~~perceives~~ the propriety of reserving all those Offices for the Gentlemen
that may be in the Council or particularly engaged in His L^{dy's} Bu-
siness is quite manifest. Mr Wolstenholme tells me that what he has
proposed Mr Stanbury to do for him is to procure him a Contract for
victualling some of His Majesty's Ships or Garrisons which would be
in the Way of his Business & as Provisions are cheap here would turn
to good Account. He says that since Mr Stanbury will not recom-
mend him to some such Contract he will as soon as a Contract
is sold go home & endeavour to recommend himself tho' He should
be obliged to give up the Agency. If Mr Stanbury has a real Desire
to do him a Kindness He would I think have endeavoured to serve
him in that Way instead of requiring an Office for him that is less desi-
rable & which after all cannot in my Opinion be obtained. I
cannot but be surprized as well as sorry that Mr Stanburys should
farther say that tho' they had recommended other Friends no Notice
had been taken of their Recommendation. Are not Mr W^m Goldborough
& Mr Thomas their Friends & Correspondents & did they not recom-
mend them in a very particular manner, has no Notice been taken
of these nor of Mr Tasher Col: Tasher & Mr Dulany? Was it
submitted to Mr Stanbury to have either Mr W^m Thomas or Mr
Wolstenholme provided for if I may judge from his Let^{rs} he would
prefer the former, but in short with regard to what he says of it,
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