

prevailed, on by the Representation that they will now make, to sur-  
-cede Your former Order. I profess that it gives me a good Deal of  
Concern, to find Myself unable to comply with Your Ldps Instruction  
in favour of Mr Wogan but as the Judges of the Land Office gave no  
Bond to pay that £100 p Ann<sup>y</sup> they cannot be compelled to do so &  
if they were to be removed for their failure. I cannot mention two Gent<sup>l</sup>  
in the Province that would solicit their post if they knew the Condi-  
-tions on which it was to be obtained. Indeed, I am sensible, from  
what I feel Myself that the annual Amount of Fees to the Land  
Office has been much reduced since the Inhabitants have been deterred  
from making Surveys on the Frontiers. I have been told that the  
-Job<sup>s</sup> which has been paid the Chancellor in one Year for signing Pa-  
-tents for Land that has been taken up in Frederick County has been  
worth near a hundred Pounds & I can assure Your Ldp that all the  
Fees which I receive in a Year as Chancellor do not amount to the  
Sum that I am ordered to pay annually to Mr Calvert. Now as the Fee  
for affixing the Seal to a Patent is trifling when compared with what the  
Patentee must pay for its passing thro the Land Office the Income of that  
Office must have been reduced in proportion with mine & I am convinced  
that the Profitts which remain to the Judges after the Clerks & other Office  
Expences (which are very great) are paid cannot be very considerable. however  
I submit this Matter intirely to Your Ldp & if You shall be pleased  
to issue any new Order thereupon I shall use my Endeavours to carry  
them into Execution — We have not as yet received any certain Advice  
of Admiral Holbornes Arrival at Halifax but we cannot help flatter-  
-ing Ourselves that he has joined the Fleet under the Command of Sir  
Chs.