

Copy of a Letter to Mr Calvert dated March the 12th 1771

Sir I do myself the honour to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter dated the 12th of December; for the Confidence you vouchsafe to put in me be pleased to accept my grateful Thanks & rest assured that I will by the exact & punctual Compliance with your Expectations endeavour to approve myself worthy of it. Your Assurance to render my Administration as far as possible, sensibly affects me & I beg leave to repeat on my part the promise that I made my Lord, that no Views of Interest, no Prejudice, no Affection or Friendship shall divert me at any time from pursuing & advising whatever I think the most likely means to promote his Ldps Interest. This led me to recommend Mr Dulany, Mr Goldsborough & Mr Tilghman to the Ldps favourable Notice; having never heard the least thing objected to either of these Gentlemen's Characters I was persuaded they would not be disappointed of on that Account, if you knew how unaccustomed, or how averse the present Members (except perhaps Mr Thomas) were to writing or communicating their Thoughts to the lower House by Message on any Occasion you would I am persuaded think with me that it is highly requisite the Vacancies in his Ldps Council should be supplied with Gent^l of Abilities who have been used to argue or write & would be capable of supporting his Ldps Rights & prerogatives whenever a Levelling House of Bourgeois should be inclined to attack them. You know Sir that few People will choose to engage in a Dispute with those whose superior Capacity they are sensible of, & have experienced. This Consideration is an Inducement ^{to my} I conceive for giving Gent^l of Abilities the Preference in my Recommendation of Persons for the Ldps Council, if such can be found distinguished at the same time for their Probity in their respective Neighbourhoods. in case this Ldps should be unwilling to advance either of the abovenamed Gent^l I have also named two others as you will please to observe in my other Letter. Application you are pleased to tell me has been made in favour of Mr Cha Goldsborough & Mr Rich Lloyd; with the past Conduct of the first you are already acquainted, I must confess I should be sorry to see him in the Station to which he aspires tho he should become less a favourer of popular Measures than he has hitherto been & I apprehend because I have heard them intimate as much that such a Preference would give no small uneasiness to most of the other Members. Out of Respect & Regard for Coll. Lloyd I have already commissioned Mr Rich Lloyd to be a Provincial Magistrate, but I should be very glad he was not so earnestly