

recommended to be of his Ld's Council. As a Gentleman I esteem him but I
have before ventured to tell you that to be free from every fault or to be
a worthy Man & good Companion is not in my opinion sufficient at this
time to recommend a Person to a Seat at the Council Board. You
seem to be of Opinion that in Case Colonel Lloyd should go to England
& leave the Care & Administration of his Ld's Affairs with his Brother
it would be proper he should be in the Council, I agree that it might be
expedient for his Ld's Agent to have a place there but I much question
if Colonel Lloyd will resolve to take the Voyage you mention & he
should come to such a Resolution yet he would not I imagine tarry there
long unless he has a Desire of getting his Brother confirmed in his Office
here. however tho I will not recommend Mr Lloyd to supply either
of the present yet if he shall be appointed to transact his Ld's
Business I would not oppose his Succession in case of future Vacancies.
Indeed I will never ^{vehemently} oppose any Gent^l who might be warmly recom-
mended to his Ld lest I give Offence, neither will I very earnestly
espouse any one whom I may mention favourably, lest I give Suspicion
of having any particular Prejudice or Attachment. I begin to see that
the Art of disposing of Places so as to avoid Offence is one of the most
difficult Parts of Govt. & is not without great Concern that I see your
self rendered uneasy by many & contrary Sollicitations. His Ld too I
am afraid will be troubled with too many Applications on the same Acc^t.
I communicated his Ld's Instructions with regard to the Land Office to
Colonel Tasher which (as Mr Tolson intimated to you) he declined, not
esteeming a moiety of the Fees that accrue to that Office equal to the Fees
that he receives from that he now enjoys, which he can execute by Deputy
& from which he says he receives about £200. Ster^l a Year clear of his
Deputy's Salary. beside the Value of his present Office is certainly not
dependant on the fluctuating price of Tobacco. As Mr Bordley has
been represented in an unfavourable Light to his Ld I decline es-
pousing him as I think he deserves, at least as his Behaviour since
I have known him would incline me, hoping the time will come when
he will appear in his Ld's Light as meriting his Mark of favour.
As Mr Darnall's Correspondents or Friends had advised him (even before