

Will You & His Ld^y shall be pleased to determine thereon. He has he
says examined into the Benefits of the Place tendered him, & finds
they amounted in the Year 1753 as he has Noted in the inclosed
Report which he delivered me as it is, in which You will please
to observe he has valued Tob^o at 10 Shillings p^o Cent. I had valued
according to the Inspection Law at 12-6. I had estimated the Fees
on an Average for five Years past he only for one; neither had I
allowed for Cash & Shrinkage as he has done; indeed while the Fees
are payable in Tobacco these Offices may one Year be twice as
valuable as they are another, & if the Inspection Law drops there
is reason to fear they will be but very inconsiderable as the
Fees will always be paid in the very worst Tob^o & the Markets
will at the same time be much overstocked. You are pleased
to acquaint me that His Ld^y desires Recommendation from me
of Personages from the Lower House to be now & then preferred to be
of his Council of State & that it would be right for me to observe
thereon in my publick Letters & that His Ld^y also desires the
Members of the Lower House or their Families may have Share
of his favours as thereby their Virulency may be abated. I do not
know how to express myself as to this in my publick Letters unless
You would be kind enough to give me some Opening by one of Yours.
But I will assure You that I am persuaded to countenance the Virulency
in the Lower House of Assembly or withdraw them thence by giving
them preferment will be like beheading a Hydra whose three
Serpent's Heads are fabled to have immediately sprouted out in the
Place of one. Mr Dulany was an Assembly Man when I recom-
mended him first, Mr Goldborough & Mr Tilghman I thought more
able & proper Persons to fill his Ld^y's Council than any among
the distinguished Burgesses; Col^o Henry is a Burgess & Mr Grey was
one till very lately, but His Ld^y's favouring such Gent^l will
never gain him the Love of that infatuated Collection or Society.
Since I have had the honour of seeing His Ld^y in this Gov^t