

Colo Lister p find he would not be willing to accept the Office on
worse terms than Colt Plater offered; finding that to be his Determination
I took the Liberty to sound Mr Thomas on the same Affair who I
find would not be averse to making you a more reasonable & handsome
consideration in case you should think proper to honour him with a Com-
mission to act as your Deputy here. He showed me a Lett he received
from you some time since, which I believe makes him entertain some
hopes of being distinguished with some Dash of Favour; He is generally
well esteemed & does not want Abilities but having a very bad Constitution
is a little melancholly & frequently indisposed for a long time together
so as to be unable to come to Annapolis. He resides on a Plantation
near Arundel Mannour about 12 Miles from Town & has a Family
of seven Children four of whom are married & dispersed abroad thro
the Province. In case I find there is any necessity for appointing
a Deputy Secretary before I can be favoured with your Answer
I shall nominate Doctor Stewart who will officiate gratis & resign
whenever I please. Mr Young who has married Mrs Graham
has been with me desiring the Commissions for the Naval
Office of Pocomoke & Surveyorship General of the Eastern Shore
may be made out to him instead of Mr Cha: Graham, I wait
this Day for your Orders for my Govern^t as to that matter you
were pleased a Year since to acquaint me that one Mr Phil
Young of Calvert County had addresed himself to you for favour
as his general Character here did not recommend him much
to my Notice & as I heard he had again made Interest enough
to procure a Ship, I took no farther Notice thereof, but as you
have been pleased to favour him with a particular Recommendation
for Preferment I think myself obliged to intimate to you that he
is not much esteemed here, that having been formerly employed
in the Character of Master of a Ship he some how displeas'd his
Employer so that they discontinued him whereby he is reduced to
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