

at most, to this let there be added what the Frequency & Length of our Sessions  
of Assembly & the Number of Military Officers who call on me lay me under a necessity  
of expending together with part of my House Rent & also the £200 which I am  
annually to pay Mr Calvert for his Correspondence & deduct the whole out of my yearly  
Salary & Perquisites which amount to about £1400. The Remainder is for the Support  
of the Honour & Dignity of His Ld's Governor & for him to lay by against a future  
Day. I think I have already hinted to You that I am not permitted to dispose of  
any of the most honourable or lucrative Offices because another Person loves to have all  
Applications made to himself, this perhaps is of itself sufficient to lessen the weight & Influence  
that a Governor would otherwise have but as it has been thought proper of late to saddle these  
Offices with about £500 p Ann. & I am charged with the Care of making the most advan-  
tageous Bargains I submit to Your own Judgment whether it is possible for a Person in my  
Situation to continue always popular. Any Body that can get introduced to Mr Calvert  
is sure to bring me an open Letter desiring I will appoint him to this or that or the first  
vacant Office should I have any Objection to the Person so introduced & recommended to  
me or for any other reason neglect to comply with the Terms of such Letter, that Man  
thinks himself hardly dealt by & immediately commences my Enemy. It has been the  
Policy of my Predecessors always to have three or four Gentlemen of Abilities in His Ld's  
Council & the Rule was a good one, such three or four gave the whole Board weight &  
made the Lower House more cautious how they attacked a Superior Branch of the  
Legislature. Since my Arrival I have had the Misfortune to lose Jennings & two other  
Gent.<sup>rs</sup> of very good Abilities from that Board, whereby it is exceedingly reduced tho' these  
Accidents have made no more than three Seats vacant: to fill the first I recommended  
the Son of one of those deceased, a Gent.<sup>r</sup> in my Opinion of the best natural & acquired  
Abilities of any in the Province & therefore a more desirable Friend & more formidable Ne-  
my, His Services while in the Lower House supported my Recommendation, but my  
repeated Applications in his favour for what Cause I know not have hitherto proved in-  
effectual & instead of him am I ordered to put into the Council a Person whose Merit &  
Qualifications are to me all invisible unless I am to reckon as such an easy Disposition  
his having lately contracted Marriage with a Vice of His Ld's who was lately in  
England & whom possibly You might have seen at the Council Office. On these Matters  
I have often writ in the most pressing manner but have the mortification to see that I  
have done so to very little purpose. There are several Matters about which Disputes  
have subsisted many Years between the Lord Proprietary & the People which would  
His Ld suffer them to be brought to a Hearing at home & a final Determination  
would I am well convinced be decided without the least hesitation in His Ld's  
favour