

without their Approbation to procure that Office, for Mr Bidout however
that Difficulty I have now wrote to Mr Calvert on the Subject & have at the
same time taken the Liberty to tell him that it does appear a little extraordinary
to many here that in six Years time it should never be in my Power to shew my
Regard for my Secretary otherwise than by diminishing my own proper Income
especially as that has been rendered by the Consequences of this War much less
considerable than I expected it would be at the time that I left England. Mr
Bidout on his part is not wanting in Gratitude for Your kind Intentions to serve
him & I earnestly hope his wishes will be soon accomplished, the Collector Mr Deane
is so old & infirm as to be incapable of transacting any Business & would I believe
immediately resign his Office for a moderate Consideration which it will be
much better for Mr Bidout to give than run the Risk of being disappointed
by any Accident that might happen while he waits for the Collectorship becoming
vacant; I know not what Steps must be taken in order to get a Commission
issued nor can I make Enquiry here lest others should be apprized of my Intention
& make Application in favour of their Friends but I dare say Governour
Lincolne can give You thorough Information & I am persuaded that he will out
of regard to Mr Bidout who is known to him as well as to oblige me do any
thing in his power to procure the Commission as soon as an Order for it shall be
obtained. I am glad to find that Lord Loudoun has not forgot the Promise
he made me before he left America, the Money that he means is what is due
to the Maryland Troops for their Services from the 8th of Oct: 1757 to last April
they having been induced to keep together during that time by the Promise which
Lord Loudoun & General Forbes desired me to make them that if the Assembly should
decline paying them they would certainly procure them payment from home.
I have recommended it to the Officers that survive (for several of the Officers & many of
the Men were cut off or died last Campaign & since, they having been always much
exposed as Rangers in which Capacity they were of excellent Service to General Forbes)
to get their Accounts made up as soon as possible which I have promised to transmit
to Mr Pitt & I will likewise send a Copy thereof to the Earl of Loudoun. Mr