

for the present as Collector of the said District in consequence, whereof  
Mr Bidout came before me the 24<sup>th</sup> of this month & producing his  
Commission or Deputation did in my Presence take the Oaths that are  
ordered to be administered on such Occasions & also gave Bond to His  
Majesty with good Surety in the Sum of £1000<sup>—</sup> s<sup>ty</sup> for due Per-  
formance of his Office, which Bond I shall transmit to the Surveyor  
General by the first Opportunity & as I believe Mr Bidout is well  
qualified for the Office he is appointed to execute it would give me  
great pleasure to hear that the Surveyor General's Nomination is  
approved of & that Mr Bidout is thought worthy to be continued in  
his Office. cc I am &c

To General Amherst. Annapolis 25 Feby 1760

Having this Moment received your Lett<sup>r</sup> of the 18<sup>th</sup> Inst I do myself  
the honour to assure You that Nothing could give me more pleasure  
than to be able to promote the Service in which His Majesty's Troops  
under your Excellency's Command are about to be employed but I am  
sorry to inform You that the Conduct of the Assembly of this Province  
for more than two Years has been such as leaves me no room to entertain  
the least hopes of being ever able to prevail with them to grant any more  
Supplies for His Majesty's Service unless the Secretary of State shall  
be pleased in a particular manner to ensure their late Proceedings or  
shall signify His Majesty's pleasure in such Terms as may incline the  
Upper House to accept from the Lower & pass the Supply Bill which they  
have hitherto peremptorily refused agreeable to the Opinion & Advice of Mr  
Pratt His Majesty's Attorney Gen<sup>l</sup> because it was calculated to improve