

I have already given You & solicit His Grace, once more, You may know  
the Value of what You apply for. However as I do not now entertain  
very sanguine hopes of seeing Mr. Bidout in possession of such an Office  
in the Customs here as I should wish, & having a great Esteem & Regard  
for him I have taken the Liberty to recommend him in a particular  
manner to His L<sup>ty</sup> for favour not choosing to rely entirely on Mr.  
Calvert who notwithstanding what he may have told You has not only  
recommended Persons to me for Offices which should have bestowed on  
others, but hath even sent me Instructions from my Lord to appoint par-  
ticular Persons of his own choosing to almost every Office in the Gov<sup>ty</sup>  
except the Sheriffs which hath become vacant during my Administration  
I am not at all surpris'd at what You tell me of his being sometimes in  
good humour & at other times appearing dissatisfied when he calls on You  
nor do I conceive You will wonder at it when I tell You that he is  
a willing Ear to every story that is told him concerning even the most  
trifling Transaction or Accident that happens in the Province, he solicits  
the Correspondence of many of the Members of the Council & others with a  
view I suppose he would say of coming at the Truth, but he should be  
misled by the partial Representations of myself or any other single Person,  
but as his Correspondents have different Interests & many of them are at En-  
mity I am sure their Letters can answer no other End but to confuse him  
or increase his Doubts & perhaps some of them may incline him at times to  
entertain an unfavourable Opinion of myself. In a Letter I lately received  
from him he seems to intimate that he thinks the turbulent Spirit which  
the Assembly have shown for some Years past might have been easily tamed  
I could almost wish he had been to make the Experiment, but tho' he