

Wolstenholme. It gave me a good Deal of Uneasiness when I discovered
that the Intelligence which I sent You the 26 of Dec. relative to Mr
Hough was false, but I was still in hopes till I received Yours & my
Brother William's Letters the other Day that You would have received
my other Letters & been undeceived before Application could be made on
Mr Bidout's behalf for that Surveyorship of Pocomoke, which Notwith-
standing the Deputation issued in his favour I am afraid he will never
enjoy. I hope my Brother William excuses me for giving him so much
unnecessary Trouble & that he has no reason to think the Duke of New-
castle was displeas'd with him for Obtaining the Warrant; otherwise I must
never take the Liberty to solicit his Interest again on such an Occasion.
Brother William tells me that when he next saw the Duke after Mr Wol-
stenholme's Deputation had been issued His Grace was pleas'd to promise
him that his Application on Mr Bidout's behalf should not be forgot when
another Office in the Customs should become vacant in this Province. In
all probability it will be many Years before that Event may happen, but
there is an Office in what they call the Territory (which according to
Baltimore's Charter is within the Limits of Maryland) that one may ex-
pect will be vacated very shortly, I mean the Collectorship of Newcastle
on Delaware, (which place as I said is within the Limits of Maryland as
described in the Charter tho it is not at present nor ever will be under His
Jurisdiction being annexed to Pens^a.) It is at this time held by one Mr
Till who is far advanced in Years & is as I am told an Swallow. The Salary
annexed to this Office is £40 a Year but the Perquisites are not so con-
siderable as those which are paid to the Collector of Potomack, it being