

gave me much Satisfaction to learn by a Letter which Mr Bidout recei-
ved from His Correspondent in March last that in Compliance with my
Request You had renewed Your Application to the Duke of Newcastle
on his Behalf & obtained for him the Office of Surveyor of Bahama & Sassa-
fras but the Leicester Packett by which Mr Campbell had transmitted
his Deputation having been taken by the Enemy his Correspondent was
obliged to apply for a Duplicate by which means he will I presume be
charged with double Fees. as there are no Perquisites belonging or ac-
cruing to this Office he will not I suppose after the usual Deductions for
the Civil List &c. have been made receive more than about £45 a Year
from it, nevertheless as there are so few lucrative Offices held under the
Crown in this Province, it was I think ^{more} advisable all Risks considered
for him to apply for this than to wait in expectation of a better & as he is
sensible that had it been more valuable You would have been equally
solicitous to procure it for him he thinks himself as much obliged to
You as if You had procured him the Collectorship, & desires me to
present You his grateful Acknowledgments for this Instance of Your
Friendship as well as for Your kind Endeavours to prevail on Mr Calvert
to appoint him his Deputy. Having myself many Reasons to wish that
Mr Calvert would have done so I wrote to him pretty pressingly immedi-
ately on Col. Tashers Decease but as I knew Mr Bordley had likewise sol-
icited the Office for himself I did not entertain very sanguine Expectations.
By the Answer I received to my Letter I find it was at first Resolved that
Mr Bordley should be appointed (indeed Mr Calvert wrote a Letter to him to
that purpose) if he would engage to pay out of the Fees of the Office £100
a Year more than Col. Tasher or his Predecessor had ever done, but if