

Mr Bordley should decline to accept on those conditions then Mr Ridout
was to be continued paying still more than was required of Mr Bordley, but
just after these Letters & Instructions were signed a Letter it seems was received
from Mr Dulany at that time, our Commissary Gen^l wherein he likewise
desired to be appointed, Secretary & accordingly an Additional Instruction
was transmitted to me in his favour to the no small mortification of Mr
Bordley. Had the latter been appointed in Col^o Tashers Stead he was to
have resigned One of the Offices he now holds Value £200 (not £500) a
Year to Mr Ridout, & as by the Additional Instruction he was to be appoin-
ted Commissary in Mr Dulany's Stead he was also to have resigned the
other, but he did not choose to make the Exchange, so instead of Mr Bordley
I have now appointed Mr Ridout Commissary & desired His L^{dy} to confirm
my Appointment (at least untill some other Place may be made or become
vacant) which if he does I believe Mr Ridout will be better off than
if he had held the other Office on the Terms proposed, unless Mr Calvert
should also insist on his paying him more out of the Fees of this Office than
any Commissary has yet paid. In a Letter which Mr Calvert was pleased to
write to Mr Ridout upon being advised of my having appointed him his
Deputy he expressed much Satisfaction thereat professing himself his Friend
&c. & in the Letter whereby I was directed to issue Commissions as is above
mentioned, he tells me that he should have been glad to continue Mr Ridout
had not Lord Baltimore entertaining a very favourable Opinion of his Abi-
lities punctuality &c. signified his Intention to keep him to his own purpose
intimating that His L^{dy} being dissatisfied with the Management & Diligence
of his present Agent & Receiver Gen^l has Thoughts of appointing Mr Ridout
his Successor. In Answer to the Observation You make on a Supposition
that