

that Mr. Bidout must have already received great Advantages by living
with me. I do assure You that except what I gave him in lieu of the
Salary which the Doctor by his Letter engaged for he has not received
any pecuniary Advantages whatever; not a Shilling from any Person on
whom I have bestowed a Sheriff's Office or any other Civil Employment
in the Province, & if Mr. Calvert or any one else has suggested to You such
a Thing they have done him Injustice. I have indeed heard that Mr. Bladen
while he was Governor did often insist when he was bestowing Offices that
the Persons about to enjoy them should previously give a considerable Sum
of Money or Quantity of Tobacco to a Man who served him in the double
Capacity of Scribe & Valet; part of which it is supposed was afterwards
accounted for by the Valet to the Master, but Believe Me Nothing of
this sort has been transacted during my Administration, however Mr. Bi-
dout being then Secretary by Virtue of my Commission did last Dec.
relinquish what I had till then allowed or given him as I have already
mentioned, & except his Board has Nothing from me at present for serving
me in the Capacity of a private Secretary. As this is really the Case it will
be some Years before he can have any considerable Sum tho he should continue
to enjoy the Office which he now holds under Lord Baltimore together with
the Surveyorship that You have been so kind as to procure for him. That
You may be better able to form some Judgment of the Difficulties I am often
laid under by Mr. Calvert's Corresponding with others & seeming to countenance
them I will take the Liberty to inclose You an Extract of a Letter which
I addressed to him the 19th of April last on the Subject of Mr. Dulany's Appoint-
ment, a Step which I doubt not has encouraged the latter to hope that by
going to England & being in Company with His Lop & Mr. Calvert he shall
be able to carry many points & indeed it has been given out by some of
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