

in his own strange. it might appear to You, no. corner was a Mr. Edmond
Tilghman services of the Office that he held under his Sup^r & Mercurion coun.
in need a most flaming Patriot. but Col^o Lloyd courted his friendship, Mr
Robt. Boyd, Mr. Loring & Mr. Harris are his Relations or particular Friends
& Dependents may his Brother Rich^d. for whom he solicited, a Seat at the
Council was at late Elections exerted his utmost Influence (which however
is more considerable) in favour of those Candidates that he knew would oppose
the reasonable Measures & endeavour to render His Sup^r's Government odious
to the People. with respect to Col^o Lloyd himself it has been currently repo-
rted & is I know believed by many that both he & Mr. Chamberlayne have
on many private Companies declared themselves in favour of the Disfranchisement
Bill which the Gentlemen of the Upper House have now five times refused.
I will not tell you what Effect such Declarations will naturally have, & what Use
will be made thereof, & perhaps what I have intimated will enable You to
account in some measure for Col^o Lloyd's declining as he has done to attend the
Assembly: upon the whole it is my Opinion that it is not in Col^o Lloyd's power
to create any greater ^{of} substance in the Gov^t. than he has done already but on
the contrary it is not unlikely when the People perceive that notwithstanding
his Conduct he has received & continues to receive greater Favours from His Sup^r
than almost any one Person in the Province they will think the most likely
Way to procure a pretence. The lucrative Offices in this Govern^t. is to follow
his Example & show their Consequence, not by preserving good Order in the
Gov^t. & endeavouring to make the People easy & satisfied but by throwing as
far as possible every thing into Confusion — You will why Mr. Pitt signs the
Journal of the Proceedings of the Upper House only & not of the Lower; It has
never been usual for any One to sign the Lower House Journal, or attest a Copy
of it beside their own Clerk, who does attest the Copies that I transmit & I
always send You Copies as soon as they can be made out & an Opportunity of
Conveyance offers. but as the Lower House Journal is generally much longer
than that of the Upper House & Mr. Mearns their Clerk, has a great
deal of other Business to do it is sometimes a great While before I can