

ask, "Whether it is not the time of choice of an Opponent from the Lower
House as a Continuance of Proof that what they alledge is not real? I must
again give it as my Opinion that such a Step would cool the Labour of those
that are Friends to the Gov^t & inspirit all those that are in the Opposition.
It is a Measure that for my own Part I am extremely averse to; if my Pre-
decessors had not pursued it I am thoroughly persuaded that the Lower House
would not have at this time proceeded as they have now done. From the
manner in which You speak of Dr Stewart I conclude that You would in
Case of another Vacancy be pleased to see him recommended to a Seat in
the Council. As there is at present no Opening 'tis unnecessary to trouble You
with any Reasons why I do not think such a Step advisable; 'tis to Dr Stewart
I like him well enough, as he stands at present tho I have never been able to
get from him the Money that You gave me Reason to expect; I mean that
the Fees that became due to the Land Office between the time of Dr Stewart's
Death & Mr Galvorts Acceptance; for he still says that You gave him Leave
to receive & retain all the Fees that became due to that Office during that
time above mentioned, if You did not permit him to do so, what must I think
of such Behaviour from a Man whom I have served so much as I have
Dr Stewart since I came to this Province. I shall herewith transmit
You an authenticated Copy of the Act You mention in the latter Part of
Your Letter, also a Copy of One that was made in 1661 wherein the said
Act is mentioned as in force at that time; that You may be the better
informed on what Occasion both those Acts were opened to & what the
then Proprietary gave up to the People on Condition that they should
thereafter defray the Whole Expence of any War that might arise. I shall
also send You a Sort of Narrative relative to that Matter which Mr
Bidout after examining the old Records has drawn up. Inclosed I
send You a Bill of Exchange for £25 & am &c