

63

avourable. & Noble, a Gentleman whom I hope You will think worthy of
it, of succeeding Col: Goldsborough in case the Distemper with which
he is afflicted, should carry him off. The Person in whose behalf I
am thus addressing Your Ldp is M: Bidout who came with me
from England in the Character of my Secretary having been introduced
to my Brother Doctor Sharpe by the Professor of Hebrew in the Uni-
versity of Oxford where he had studied near five Years, & taken a Degree.
Your Ldp may probably remember that he had the Honour of being
in Your Ldp's Company together with myself, two or three Times tho'
not long enough perhaps to be much noticed. Ever since my Arrival in
Maryland he has resided with me as a Companion still acting as my
private Secretary which Your Ldp will imagine hath given him more
Opportunities than any other Gentleman could have of making himself
acquainted with Your Ldp's Affairs & with whatever has in earlier Times
as well as during my Administration, been transacted in the Province. I need
not apprehend, a priori, Your Ldp that unless I was entirely satisfied with
his Conduct since he has been known to me, I should not presume to men-
tion him in this manner: since Your Ldp in Dec: 1756 was pleased to
return him Thanks (as M: Calvert signified to me in a Letter of that Date)
for his Assiduity in turning over all the Council Records in Order to
draw up an historical Acc: or State of the several Revenue Laws which
had been passed here since the Settlement of the Country. I flatter
myself Your Ldp had from that Performance conceived a good Opini-
on of him, & that therefore it would be unnecessary for me to say