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employ him. It hath as I have intimated to You in former Letters some
how or other happened. that notwithstanding my Desire to distinguish him
by some Mark of Favour it was not in my power to do it. till Dec^r
last when I prevailed on Mr Randolph one of His Majesty's Surveyors
General to appoint him Collector of the Customs in North Potowmack
but I flatter myself that You have in this time obtained His L^{dy}
Leave for me to serve him in some other manner that I may reassume
the Office of Surveyor General of this Shore which my Predecessors enjoy
As I do not think it improbable that His L^{dy} will be much sollicitous to
appoint a Gentleman of the Eastern Shore a Conventor in the stead of
Col^l Goldsborough I conceive it is my Duty to intimate to You that tis
not without great Difficulty that any of the Members who reside on that
Side the Bay can be got over to Annapolis on any account whatever; by
which means it often happens that I cannot collect enough Members to
make up a Council (some of those who reside on this Side being
Invalide) & indeed Mr Tasher his Son the Colonel, & his Son in Law
Mr Dulany have generally the Determination of every Point that is
submitted to the Consideration of the Council or that comes before the
upper House: an Evil which I must confess I should be very glad to
see remedied. As it would give me pleasure to know whether the Propo-
sal I have taken the Liberty to make meets with His L^{dy}'s Approbation
I hope You will be so kind as to obtain & communicate to me his An-
swer either by the Post or otherwise as soon as possible. You will
find by the inclosed Gazette that I have been again obliged to convene
the Assembly & sollicit Supplies for the Service of the ensuing Campaign
& I presume You will conclude as I do from the Address of the Lower