

England. Abundance of trouble. It ought then to be an invariable
Rule for the Agent to close his Accounts every Year the 29th of Sept. This
indeed he cannot do on that Day because several Parts of the Revenue are
not payable till then, but I suppose he may get them ready by the Lady
Day following (& by saying they should be closed on the 29th Sept. I mean
that in his Annual Account he should give Your L^{ty}. Credit for all &
every Part of Your Revenue that may have accrued or become due within
the Year immediately preceding that Day). As soon then as he can close
his Accounts whether against Lady Day or any other certain time, The
Governor, the Comptroler, the Secretary, the Judges of the Land Office &
the Attorney Gen^l. or at least some three of them may meet together with
the Agent & examine or Review his Account for the preceding Year w^{ch}.
therefore he must be instructed or directed, to produce & lay before them
together with all such other Accounts (such as the Naval Officers Accounts
Clerks Lists of Things &c.) & Vouchers as they may call for or have Occasion
to recur to; when they have examined every Thing & had any Errors w^{ch}.
they may discover corrected, Let each of them sign or subscribe the Agents
general Account & Duplicate thereof in Testimony of their having so done,
or they may order their Clerk to make such an Entry or write such a
Certificate at the Foot of it as may be thought proper, Such as for instance
"On the Day of the Debit side of the above Account & the several Accounts
therein mentioned or referred to having been examined in the presence of
His Excellency &c. were passe^d signed by Order A. B." As all the
Gentlemen who would compose this Board of Review enjoy Offices of
considerable Profit under Your L^{ty}. I do not apprehend that either of
them could desire any particular Reward for this Service or their Attendance