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few Days on such an Occasion; But it will be expedient that a Per-
son attend the Board as often as it may sit in the Capacity of a Clerk
or Register, who doubtless ought to receive some Recompence for his
Trouble; the Quantum it might be left to the Board to settle, since
they will be the best Judges of his Services, & his Salary might be paid
out of the fines & Forfeitures, as I am told all incidental Charges have
been heretofore done. Now as to the proposal for Your Sdps appointing
two Agents or Receivers General instead of One, I think it my Duty to tell
Your Sdp freely that in my Opinion such an Appointment could be pro-
ductive of no good Consequences but would be attended with many Incon-
veniences; besides if it is scarcely worth the present Agent's while (as Mr.
Calvert tells me he says) to attend to & manage Your Sdps Revenue for
the whole Salary that he is allowed; will it be worth while, or answer for
two Gentlrs of Ability Character & Fortune to devote their time to that Ser-
vice or Employment for the same Allowance, & moreover would it appear
reasonable that when the Commissary General & Deputy Secretary receive such
large Salaries for Doing little & running no Risk, the Agent whose whole
time ought to be devoted to Your Sdps Service & the Management of Your
Affairs & who must run great Risks too on Account of the Quantity of
Cash he will sometimes have in his Custody should be but scantily paid
for his Care & Trouble. Were there to be two Agents, & One of them was
to reside on the Eastern Shore he must either depute a Person in this City
to act for him, or else every one that should have Business to transact
with him would be put to great Inconvenience, as for Instance if an Inhab-
itant of the Eastern Shore wanted to take up a Tract of Land on
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