

bation of my Conduct. The Workmanship of the Box, is admired by all that have seen it, but the History of the Box or the Cover &c. is as yet a Secret. To Us, it should take, it as a favour, if You will, be so kind as to explain it to me, or desire the Maker to do so. I sealed Your Letter for Col: Lloyd & forwarded it to him agreeable to Your Desire, & as You seem at length to despair of his ever giving my Lord Meason to be satisfied with his Proceedings & Management & to be of Opinion that a Resignation or Removal is extremely probable, I have also according to Your Directions communicated to His Ldp my Sentiments on a Plan to be pursued by any future Agent, the Substance of which is this; That the Agent or Receiver General should be required to reside in Annapolis for unless he does so, it will in my Opinion, be absolutely impossible for him to attend as he ought to the Management of His Ldps Affairs, & in order that he may be incited the more to keep all his Accounts regular & make them up or close them at a certain time every Year Let some of the Members of the Council be empowered & directed to meet & examine them, as they must be competent Judges whether the Agent does his Utmost to bring every thing into Order; & if there should be a Fault or Neglect any where, will discern who alone of the Persons concerned in Managing or Collecting His Ldps Revenue is culpable. I conceive the Agent would be ashamed to be found faulty by them, & then by such Boards examining his Accounts annually & rectifying any Errors here (should any be discovered) Your Trouble in reviewing & examining them will be much lessened & His Ldp be satisfied

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