

to a Seat at that Board. That His Ld's Right of Nominating the  
Members of the Council ought not to be considered as a Feather where-  
with to tickle the Vanity of any One must be undoubtedly admitted; that  
Board as You observe is or ought to be the chief Strength & Support not  
only of His Ld's Rights but of the whole Frame of Government &  
the greatest Care should therefore be taken in the Choice of its Members  
who ought at least for the most part to be Gent<sup>l</sup> of good Abilities,  
acquainted with the Nature of the Government & not Strangers to publick  
Business, otherwise they will not be able to give good Reasons for their  
own Conduct; or oppose the Measures that will at times be pursued by  
the Lower House of Assembly in order to extend their own Power &  
render the other Branches of the Legislature of little Consequence, Great  
Care should as You observe be also taken that no Person be advanced  
to a Seat there of whose Attachment to the Proprietary & his Govern<sup>t</sup>  
there is the least Room to doubt; which two Maxims or Rules I hope  
You are convinced that I have always endeavoured most strictly to observe.  
When I first mentioned M<sup>r</sup> Pulany as a proper Person to succeed his  
Father; which I did the 10<sup>th</sup> of Dec<sup>r</sup> 1763 I had all the reason in the  
World to believe I should never have Cause to repent of my Recommen-  
dation. His Abilities to serve His Ld were notorious, he had always  
manifested an Inclination to do so; & in the Lower House of Assembly had  
during more Sessions than one defended the Measures of Govern<sup>t</sup> & opposed  
the Violence of a popular Faction, besides I had Room to hope that  
if he should ever seem inclined to set a different part a Stirr from  
his Father in Law - M<sup>r</sup> Tasher for whose Family His Ld & his  
ancestors have done such great Things would restrain him within the