

considerable. Fortune by Marriage had for some time declined the Pro-
-sperity. No Person in the Country had a better Character than this Gentleman
he had never courted Popularity yet was well esteemed by the People
of his City, had better Abilities than most; & by his Behaviour on the
Provincial Bench where I had placed him soon after my Arrival in
the Province gave me the greatest Reason to believe that his Behavi-
our in the Council would be equally satisfactory to His L^{dy} & myself
not have been disappointed in my Expectations concerning him. While
His Health permitted he punctually attended. His L^{dy}'s & the publick
Business notwithstanding his Place of Residence is on the Eastern Shore,
where others who enjoyed very lucrative Offices under His L^{dy}, Col.
Lloyd in particular, seldom made their Appearance in the Upper House
or attended a Council, tho' I was perpetually desiring them to do so. For
about these two Years past we have been deprived of Col. Goddards
Assistance & Advice by his being afflicted with a Dropsical Disorder w^{ch}
must ere long & will probably before this reaches You, deprive Us of him
altogether. As to Col. Henry he had also heretofore practiced as a
Lawyer in some of the County Courts on the Eastern Shore, being a
Member of the Lower House. he had during many Sessions of As-
-sembly showed himself a Friend to the Governmt. & to good Order;
had also behaved as a Provincial Magistrate to the Satisfaction
of every Body & hath a good Capacity. I thought I was serving
His L^{dy} in recommending him to a Seat at the Council & as he
is succeeded in the Lower House by a Young Gentleman of much
the same Turn I have not one Reason to repent of that Step; nor