

to I know one Objection. His L^{ty}. or any Body else, can make. for
him. unless that he has sometimes, perhaps once a Year; the Misfortune
to be laid up. by the Gout & lives in a pretty distant Part of the Pro:
vince; tho if I had not during the War been obliged to meet the As:
sembly so often in the winter (which hath never been done heretofore)
in all Probability Neither of those Causes would have prevented
Col^o Henrys attending the Publick Business. Of M^r Bordley the other
Gentleman who has a Seat in the Council in consequence of my Re:
commendation, I shall say the less as You seem to be already thorough:
ly satisfied of his Ability & Inclination to promote His L^{ty}s Interest, in:
deed I am rather afraid that his earnest Desire to do His L^{ty} accep:
table Service might sometimes carry him into Extremes, he being of
a very sanguine Complexion, & lest he should thereby prejudice the Cause
he would wish to save than, lest he should be deficient in Point of
Duty. His Abilities as a Lawyer cannot be questioned & by this means
he will I suppose be ever a Check on M^r Dulany of whom I have
ever he is perhaps too suspicious & jealous as they have always been at
Enmity, but as there is no Man who is not liable to Error & those of
a warm Temper are generally more liable than others, I shall never
think it right to surrender myself up even to this Gentleman as to
a Pilot; tho I assure You his Opinion in matters of Law will always
determine me; & his Advice in other affairs will have great weight
unless upon examining his Propositions coolly & considering them
maturely I see good Cause to decline carrying them into Execution.
What induced my Predecessors to recommend several of the other
members