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recommendations You once hinted, to me that His L<sup>dy</sup> hoped I paid due Regard  
to. Several have been promoted at the Instance of His L<sup>dy</sup> whom also I have  
understood from some of Your Letters that His L<sup>dy</sup> was desirous I should  
oblige, & indeed I had reason to believe that if I had declined to comply  
with their Requests they would have applied directly to His L<sup>dy</sup> or Yourself  
in such Persons behalf; & now if any of these Recommendations have been in  
favour of Assembly Men, & some of the Persons recommended have proved very  
unworthy of the Favours they obtained. Was it His L<sup>dy</sup>'s Pleasure, to leave  
the Disposal of all those Offices that are not bestowed on Councillors entirely  
to myself & to signify to those who may apply to him that he is determined  
to take Notice of no Applications for Favour unless they come to him thro  
my hands, I should flatter myself that in a few Years many more of the  
Delegates might be brought to act a moderate Part; but at the same time  
I do not think that all the Offices which are in the Gift or Disposal of  
the L<sup>dy</sup> Proprietary or his Deputy exclusive of those which are enjoyed by  
Members of the Council are sufficient to secure a Majority in the Lower  
House. As to the Offices of Deputy Surveyors & Deputy Commissioners of  
which there is one in each County they are of so little Value (hardly three  
of them being worth more than £50 a Year, most of them not more than  
£30 & some not even £10 p Ann) that I am persuaded very few Members  
of the Assembly who are capable of executing them (for many are not  
nay can scarcely write) would choose to resign their Seats in the Lower  
House for such Offices tho they have been hitherto held for Life, or as  
long as the Persons on whom they have been conferred behaved well, & found  
themselves able to execute them. Indeed since I have been in the Province  
the Sessions of Assembly have been so frequent that every Member who