

who attended has got much more, a Year, for that Service (being allowed at the Rate of fourteen Shillings a Day & Travelling Charges) than the best of the abovementioned Offices are worth. Who then among them would exchange their Places in the Lower House for trifling Offices, & instead of being Favourites of the People, & (as they conceive themselves) Persons of great Consequence, become, as would certainly be the Case, obnoxious to most of their Neighbours & of no Consequence at all. Besides according to Your Plan, these Offices must be made triennial or else, there would be none of them to bestow on other Assembly Men, after the first, & if they were to be made biennial, I am satisfied, that scarcely a Member in the House would thank me, for bestowing such Offices on themselves or their Friends even without its being made a Condition, that they should in Consideration of their being so rewarded, give only one Vote, contrary to their Inclinations. I have You will perceive supposed, that the fourteen Deputy Commissaries as well as the fourteen Deputy Surveyors are appointed by His Ldys Lieut. Governor but this is not the Case, for the former hold their Commissions under the Commissary Gen^l & the latter under the Surveyors Gen^l of the Eastern & Western Shores. I have already hinted to You that there are many of the Assembly Men who are not qualified to execute the abovementioned Offices for it is necessary that the former should be acquainted with the Art of Surveying Platting &c. & write a tolerable Hand otherwise there would soon be great Confusion & Discontent. Nor is it every one among them that is able to transact the Business of a Deputy Commissary. As to the Collection of His Ldys Quit Rents, that Affair cannot now the Farmers Commission for Collecting is reduced to 10 p^{ct} which is no more than half of what was given before my