

every Member his near Relations & Dependants to hold any Office
whatever - the Designs of his Ldp. those here, who have the honour
to serve him would be represented as most iniquitous & arbitrary & Oc-
casion be therefrom taken to render his Ldp's Govt. odious to the People.
But suppose there were to be new Sheriffs appointed, in the several
Counties at once for Instance in Nov. next & Writts were to be, at the same
time issued for a general Election. None of those on whom it should be
thought fit to confer the Sherwalthie could sit in the Lower House, for
they are disqualified, by Act of Assembly, All then that could be done
would be to promise One of the Representatives for each County that
he shall be appointed a Sheriff at the Expiration of three Years in
Case he does during that Term Vote & behave in the House after such
a manner as shall be approved of; I will suppose then for Arguments
Sake that by this means fourteen of the Members are attached to the
Interest of the Ld. Proprietary, tho' as I have already hinted this could
not easily be done because among the four Members that are sent from
some of the Counties there is not one capable of executing the Office of
Sheriff; Can you think it possible to secure as many more by telling
them that if they can keep their Seats in the House during six Years
they shall then be taken Notice of for my own Part I am convinced
most of them would laugh at any one that should give them such a
Hint & had much rather enjoy the Satisfaction & pleasure they have
in sitting in the House than the hopes of holding an Office for three
Years under the Govern^t. at so distant a Period, & afterwards sink into
Contempt; not to mention the Risk they would run of being rejected