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by the People, three Years before their Expectations could be gratified
with the Sheriff's Offices for having shewn too much Attachment to the
Governor during the first three Years after they were permitted to enter
tain such Expectations. By what hath been already urged I think you
will be convinced, that the Offices which His Ld. or His Lieut. Governor
hath the Disposal of are much too few for them to secure a Majority in the
Lower House of Assembly by that means alone; for my own Part I am
well satisfied, that however plausible, the Scheme proposed in your Letter
might appear in Theory it never can be effectually carried into Practice.
Was it ever possible, by such a Scheme to secure a Majority in the Lower
House for one Session, it would then fail for after a Person had obtained
an Office by espousing the Proprietors Interest he could have no chance
of being again elected & so in Nine Years the Lieut. Governor would be
so far engaged to such as had been in the Assembly that he would not
have even one Office in his Disposal to bestow on them that should
be then there, since a Promise once made is to be inviolably kept. That
a great Influence hath at times been gained in the British House of
Commons by such Means is certain but it cannot be thence inferred
that the same might be easily done here. Let it be considered how
many hundred Offices Civil & Military are in the Gift of the Crown
that by means of a great Number of Burroughs Many of the Gent.
who enjoy those Offices get returned to Parliament, that it is the Inter-
est of almost all the Lawyers in the Kingdom to defend the Measures
that are pursued by the Gov. & one cannot be surpris'd that the Gov.