

Forms of Proceedings than any of them. except those, two Gentlemen
of the Council who I have already told You practiced formerly at the
Bar. In answer to what is said of their Impropriety there, seems to be
in their sitting on the Bench as Judges on Causes that may be after-
wards removed into the Court of Appeals which by Act of Assembly
is composed of the Members of the Council, I do not think there is
much in it: because if they have given their Opinions in the Provincial
Court they may as they always do! decline sitting in the Court
of Appeals on the same Cause; it may be as well said that the
Lawyers who are Members of the Council ought not to plead in the
inferiour Courts because by our Constitution they are a Part of the
Court of Appeals where the Causes they are concerned in below may
possibly come to be finally determined. The other Provincial Justices
are Mr Hepburne a Gentleman of no extraordinary Talents nor yet
uncommonly weak. I really believe that few People in the Province
are better disposed. Of Doctor Stuart who is another of the Justices
I shall say nothing (because I imagine You are already pretty well
acquainted with his Character) but that I think his Attachment to
the Id Proprietary cannot be doubted. There is also one Col^l Mall
among the Provincial Justices who is the Chief of a considerable Family
of that Name in Baltimore County his Abilities likewise are of the
middle kind I never heard of his being disaffected to the Id or his
Government. Besides these there was one Mr Hand, till Novemb^r