

You will ever have the least Reason, to be dissatisfied with his Conduct  
or my Recommendation. In case You shall be pleased to appoint him  
& obtain His Ldps. Approbation of such Appointment he will on the Receipt  
of your Commission give such Security as hath been usually required for  
due Performance of the Office & for Paying punctually such Sum annually  
or such Share of the Stock as You may be pleased to demand on Consideration  
of his Acting by Virtue of Your Reputation, whether it shall be One half of the  
Profits or a lesser Proportion, it being as I conceive entirely with You to settle  
this Matter with Your Deputy as You shall think fit. As it is expedient that  
some Person or other should be immediately Nominated that Business might  
be regularly carried on & the Lists of Stocks signed in Decemr. by the Secretary  
agreeable to the Directions of our Act of Assembly & as I flatter Myself that  
You will approve of my Choice I shall forthwith order a Commission to be  
made out for M<sup>r</sup> Bidout; & as it will be necessary also to appoint a  
Commissioner in the Stead of Col<sup>l</sup> Tasker for carrying the Articles of Agree-  
ment into Execution & M<sup>r</sup> Bidout is at least as capable of Serving His  
Ldps & giving His Assistance in that Business as any Member of His Ldps  
Council, I shall take the Liberty to Nominate him before we proceed to  
run the Lines & hope that such my Appointment will meet with His Ldps  
Approbation. M<sup>r</sup> Bordley having dropt in on me as I was writing &  
advised me of his Intention to make Application to You for the Secretarys  
Office pressing me to second his Application I acquainted him with my In-  
tention to write on M<sup>r</sup> Bidouts behalf; I mention this supposing that M<sup>r</sup>  
Bordley will acquaint You with his having waited on me he seems to think  
the Naval Office would be as much as M<sup>r</sup> Bidout could reasonably expect  
& he should be rewarded Your Deputy says he would still continue

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