Copy of y[e] Letter to M[r] Calvert. Dated Annapolis the 20 of Oct 1756 transmitted by

Sir

In my last Letter which was transmitted by the Way of York, I advised you of our having had the Misfortune to lose Col[o] Tasker, & that as there would have been a Stop put to Business in the Secretary's or Provincial Office had I not immediately appointed a Deputy Secretary in his Stead I issued a Com[n] in favour of M[r] Ridout who having given the usual Security for due Performance acts as Your Deputy being also now qualified as a Member of His L[d]ps Council. Presuming that My Lord will be inclined to fill up speedily the Vacancy which Colonel Tasker's Decease hath also made in the Council I have at length taken the Liberty to mention M[r] Charles Goldsborough to him in a favourable manner, having good reason to be satisfied with the moderate & respectful Behaviour of that Family since I came to the Province, & being of Opinion that notwithstanding there may be Persons in the Province upon some Accounts more estimable yet that it will be good Policy to take another of that Family into the Upper House since their Brother William is dead, & I apprehend they will be well pleased to see their Brother Charles distinguished in that manner. You may remember that soon after my Arrival here I was led to entertain a very ill Opinion of this Gentleman by what had been said in my Hearing concerning him, however as his Behaviour in the Lower House of Assembly since that time as well as his Brothers hath been unexceptionable, His being now removed into the Upper House may perhaps induce & encourage others to pursue the same Steps in the Lower in order to obtain the same End; & as I doubt not but his Son a Young Gentleman of good Abilities & Character who lately studied at the Temple will be elected by the People in his Fathers Stead should the latter be made one of the Council such a Step would not at this time lessen the Number of Moderate Men in the House of Delegates as it might have done some time ago before M[r]

Rob[t]