

that of Deputy Secretary communicating to him at the same time His
Ldp's Expectations & Yours that he would accept the Commisary's Office
upon Mr Dulany's quitting it so that Mr Aidout might be appointed
Naval Officer of this Port, but I am sorry to inform You that I found
Mr Bordley absolutely averse to relinquishing the Naval Office for
that of Commisary General, tho I have since talked to him again on
the Subject, & importuned him to accept, my Representations have had no
Effect; wherefore as You have been pleased to appoint Mr Dulany Your
Deputy & he is very pressing for his Commission I am reduced to the Ne-
cessity either of leaving Mr Aidout entirely unprovided for (a Step which
after what has passed would convince every Man in the Province
that I have little Interest with either His Ldp or Yourself) or of appoin-
ting him to an Office which as he never expected it he doubts his own
Ability to discharge, as he could wish tho as I am persuaded he will in
the Administration of it have the strictest Regard to Justice & Equity &
will spare no pains to acquire the Knowledge necessary for a Person in
such an Office I flatter myself he will while he continues give Sa-
tisfaction in it. The Reason Mr Bordley gave me for declining to ac-
cept was that the Business of the Commisary's Office required such constant
Attendance as would endanger his health & that by the practice of Mr
Dulany's Father & himself it is become a Custom (in my Opinion an ill
One) for Persons concerned as Executors Administrators &c. to apply to &
expect Advice from the Commisary so that he should be always liable
to be broke in on, or to be censured for being less kind & complaisant than
his Predecessors, but I am by no means satisfied that his principal Reason
for declining was not Envy at Mr Dulany's Success, or an Opinion that people
will say he must take & be glad with his Leaving, & indeed I don't know