

but the other in order to mortify him might contrive to have such observations made. All I shall say farther is that if I could have imagined Mr. Mordley would have hesitated to comply with so reasonable a Request of mine, I should never have thought of recommending him to succeed Col. Tashers, but as I intimated to him I find from Experience that if people in this Country are gratified in a hundred Instances & afterwards refused one Favour All is forgotten, & well is it if they do not afterwards act more like Enemies than Friends. That You may be more fully convinced of the Justice of this Observation I must take the Liberty to go back a little & give You an Account of what pass'd here after the Decease of Col. Tashers, at the time of whose Death Mr. D. Dulany happened to be at Boston or in one of the Northern Colonies. Very early the next Morning I received a Letter from Mr. Walter Dulany who lives in Town desiring he might be appointed to succeed the Colonel, but as I did not think Mr. Ldp. or You would approve of my conferring an Office of such consequence on a Person so nearly related to One of whose Behaviour touch'd You in neglecting to make the usual Remittance expected from the Com. missary You had very frequently complain'd, I accus'd myself as harshly as I could from complying with his Request assuring him at the same time that whenever it should be in my power to serve him I would with Pleasure embrace the Opportunity, as I really intended, tho' I thought indeed that he might be satisfied with something less than One of the principal Offices in the Government. besides I knew that if I had appointed him & he had not been afterwards confirm'd he being superior would have been resent'd as an Injury done him & if You should have confirm'd him then he would have immediately push'd for a Seat in the