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offices in the Government were not. You may be assured long since, that
the Gentleman himself took care that it should be no Secret, & as it
now seems to me, that if he succeeded in the Application which he had then
without my knowledge made to You his Friends & Dependants may be
the better able to persuade others that he had carried his Point in opposi-
tion to me, & that consequently his Interest with His Ldp & Yourself is superior
to mine, I cannot I say help thinking that this was his View in behaving
after such a manner, & it would I presume, be needless to tell You what
Conclusions have been drawn from my receiving, peremptory Instructions
(as it hath been most industriously reported throughout the Province) to
appoint Mr Dulany Your Deputy; It is also said that he hopes to effect
still something more before he returns again from England where I suppose
You will see him before the end of the Summer, as he has signified to
me that he intends to embark some time next Month. The Reason he
gives me for Undertaking such a Voyage is that he thinks it will con-
duce to the Establishment of his health, & I hope he has no worse In-
tention or View, or if he has rely on His Ldp's Justice & Your Friendship
that his Expectations will in such case be frustrated. Should he in
Conversation or by means of other Persons suggest or insinuate any thing
to the Disadvantage of myself or others Oblige & Serve me, I intreat You
so far as to desire him to give You an Account of such Matter in Writing
for whatever Liberty he may take to assert Falshoods or misrepresent
Transactions viva voce I do not conceive that he will choose to subscribe to
an Untruth, especially if he apprehends it will not remain a Secret. Let
his Resentment at his Brother's being disappointed in his ambitious &
I will say unreasonable Desires should prompt him to injure me, I
conceived it my Duty thus freely to give You these Hints notwithstanding