

I am of Opinion that if he finds His Ldp^r You averse to taking
things upon Trust he will cautiously avoid saying any thing which
might discover Discontent or give You room to suspect that he is not
well with me, lest You who know how studious I was for many Years
to serve him should think he makes me a very ungrateful Return. Con-
sidering his Abilities You have long been acquainted with my Sentiments,
You know likewise that so far as was possible I have endeavour'd to make
a Friend of him, & if while he is in England You can by any means
convince him that instead of keeping him so long out of the Council
(which I know he suspects I did) I have really on all Occasions express'd
my Desire to promote his Interest, & if You can moreover make him
sensible that whatever Notions he may now entertain His Ldp^r is
determin'd to support my Influence & Authority here I shall not despair
of seeing him when he returns to Maryland behave in a manner very
different from what he did last Winter. As I do not think it improbable
that he will at least endeavour to obtain some Office for one or more
of his near Relations that are not yet provided for I will take the
Liberty to enumerate them & to give You a few Hints concerning their
conduct. Besides Mr Tasher one of whose Daughters he married a few
Years before I came to America, his Brother Walter whom I have had Oc-
casion to mention in this Letter, & his Brother Dennis (formerly a Master
of a Ship in Mr Stanbury's Employ) who was in pursuance of Your Order
appointed about a Year ago Clerk of that County, there are the Rev^d
Mr Addison his Brother in Law by Marriage who together with Mr Mus-
dock a Member of the Lower House officiously drew up those Address^s
ag^t Roman Catholics which were presented to me in the Years 1755 & 1756,
One Mr Hedges in Cecil County (married to another Sister) who having been
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