

Had not this Measure been pursued by my Predecessors I am thoroughly persuaded  
there would not have been such an Opposition now made by the Members of the  
Lower House, indeed some of the second Rate at present in that House are Men  
who having been heretofore bribed by promises of other Advantages to give a Vote  
have now opposed Government on the same principle & with the same View but if  
they are disappointed & find that Favours are not for the future to be conferred  
on any but such as persevere in Measures agreeable to Reason & Justice I am confident  
that in a very few Years there will be a Revolution in that House & that those who  
are now at the Head of a Majority will find themselves among the inferior party  
nay the Journal of the proceedings of the Lower House this Session shows that those  
engaged in the Opposition had barely strength enough to carry their Opinions Law,  
& as the Contest between them has been warm & long if the moderate Men should once  
outnumber the others there is a greater probability of our then obtaining some good  
Laws than there would have been had not the Members carried their Resentment  
to each other so great a Length; but as I have already intimated was the Lord  
Proprietary, His Lord's Lieut. Governor, or the Upper House now to show any Unstea-  
diness, or was I to go about to weaken the Opposition at this critical juncture by  
offering lucrative Employments to any of the Opponents, His Lord may be assured  
that the Advantage procured thereby would be of short Duration, & that in fact from  
that period the Faction would gather Strength, & that he could have no prospect  
of Quiet while there should be any thing for them to demand, or any thing left in  
his power to give up — You say "Of Alienation Fines mentioned  
in His Lord's Instructions I recommend to commune only with the Commissioners Du-  
rancy for fear of Alarm, he knows how the Conditions can be improved, I have  
reasons for this Hint, it is quite proper to discover no Hint of this to him from  
me to you" which I apprehend refers to the following Clause in His Lord's In-  
structions "with regard to my Alienation Fines the trifling Annual Sums they  
produce is notorious, & of this I have too much reason to charge from undoubted  
Intelligence that this Article of Revenue was so long & justly paid & was