

wrote fully to Mr. Calvert in Answer to that Article of Your Lordship's
Letters dated the 20 of Dec^r. which I lately received & to those parts of his Letter
where he acquainted me with Your Lordship's pleasure that Mr. Dulany should
be appointed Deputy Secretary here in the Stead of Col^o. Tasker I will
not trouble Your Lordship on that Subject, farther than to inform You that
when I give a Commission appointing Mr. Dulany Secretary I shall
issue another appointing Mr. Midout Commissary General in his Stead
as Mr. Bordley desires to be excused from acting in that Office alledging that
after the Indulgencies which Mr. Dulany's Father out of a Desire of being
popular & his Successors have continued for many Years to give to people
concerned in Administrations it would be impossible for any Lawyer to act
in the Office of Commissary without either making himself a Slave to
the humour of such People or rendering himself obnoxious & disagreeable
by refusing to give every One Advice on all Occasions & at all Times when
in fact as Commissary or a Judge of that Court he has no more Business
to do so than it is the Business of the Chancellor to advise every Body
that may think themselves entituled to Relief in Equity, & for this Reason
he is of Opinion & indeed I do not know but he may be right, that
it would be better Some Person who has not practised at the Bar should
hold it for a while, however he has promised to give Mr. Midout his Ad-
vice freely on all Occasions while he continues Commissary & to assist him
in any difficult Case which might happen to come before him tho he sup-
poses there will not be such a Case once in a Twelve month. I shall only
add that if it is not necessary that the Commissary should be a Lawyer
I believe Mr. Midout will in a very short time make himself Master
of the Business as well as any Person I could appoint, I am convinced he
will have the strictest Regard to Justice & Equity & therefore untill Your