

being assigned over to them in order that they may endeavour to indemnify  
themselves which Offer was readily accepted, the Gentlemen of the Council  
being of Opinion that their Request was a reasonable one & by Virtue  
of this Assignment they will suppose secure for themselves some Money  
that is due to Mr Henry Darnall who it seems had as soon as he was ad-  
vised of the abovementioned Discovery given them Orders on two or three  
people who were his Debtors, but they aver that do what they can they  
must both be considerable Losers, & I believe One of them cannot well  
afford it; Influenced by this Consideration I had some thoughts at first  
in case the Bills of Exchange that were paid by Mr Darnall a few Weeks  
ago to the Agent should prove sufficient to satisfy Your Lops blaiming my  
own to let some Friend of Mr Darnall's hold the Office for his bene-  
fit till I should be favoured with Your Lops farther Instructions, but  
finding by a Return from Mr Darnall's Deputy (which I received the  
first Inst) that the abovementioned Bills fall so much short of what is  
due to Your Lop & myself, & having likewise some reason to think  
that Mr Carroll & Mr Darnall did not deal quite ingenuously with me  
the other Day when I asked them whether they knew of any Debts due  
to the late Naval Officer I signified to Mr John Darnall by a Lett:  
dated the 1<sup>st</sup> Inst that I could not possibly serve him in the manner abov-  
mentioned, & as there was a Necessity for my appointing another Naval  
Officer immediately I forthwith issued a Commission to Mr Moss Blisk  
of the Council who had previously consented & agreed that he would  
act in that Office by Deputy as long as I should think fit to continue  
him & account for the whole profits excepting only such Share of the  
Fees as he might be obliged to allow his Deputy. By this meant  
if it be agreeable to Your Lop the Balance due from Mr Darnall