

likewise for I should be very sorry to recommend any Person to Your L^{ty} that I at the time thought Your L^{ty} would be averse to serving, but really I apprehended from what M^r Calvert more than once wrote to me concerning M^r Goldborough particularly in his Letter dated the 10th of Nov^r that Your L^{ty} was desirous to have him in the Council & therefore as none of that Family which makes a good Figure in the Province is now there I thought it my Duty to recommend him nevertheless if Your L^{ty} thinks there is any One whom it would be as good Policy to prefer who is capable of serving Your L^{ty} as well, I do not enforce what I took the Liberty to write to Your L^{ty} the 20th of Oct^r last all that I beg is that Your L^{ty} will be so kind as to acquaint me before you fill up the Vacancy with the Gentleman's Name because I may possibly know something concerning him which was it known to Your L^{ty} might perhaps incline you to postpone his Promotion. In Truth my L^{ty} the Affair of recommending is a very difficult & ticklish One, there are few among Us of any Figure who think they ought not to have the preference & at the same time very few if any who are quite unexceptionable; I can truly say that I have always endeavoured to select those whom I thought it good Policy to promote & who wanted not Capacity of which I flatter myself Your L^{ty} does not entertain the least Doubt. M^r Dulany having signified to me his Intention to embark for England in a Ship that is to sail from Potuacent I have agreeable to Your L^{ty} Instructions appointed him Secretary & M^r Bidout Commissary Gen^l in his Stead; of which Measure I hope Your L^{ty} will approve; & as the Commissioners for running the Lines were by Agreement to meet the 22nd Inst & neither I nor M^r Bidout could attend having been both afflicted with a Fever & Ague while Col^l Henry is at too great a Distance to go to Chester on such short Notice & M^r Leeds was so much indisposed about a week ago