

following, but in a week or two afterwards it lost both its colour & Flavour so that  
no person would touch it & the ensuing winter being a severe one destroyed almost  
all the Vines - with the utmost Respect I am - Myself Yr<sup>ts</sup> Obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup> -  
P<sup>t</sup> Having been informed since I concluded my Lett<sup>r</sup> that a Ship of Col<sup>l</sup> Loyds  
which carries 20 Guns is expected every hour from the West Indies & will be  
immediately loaded with Tob<sup>o</sup> for London I have not sent the Pipe of Madeira  
on board this Ship as I intended to do when I wrote the above Letter thinking  
it will cost Your Ldp a considerable sum in Insurance if not in Freight  
to send it by Col<sup>l</sup> Loyds which Your Ldp may depend I will not fail to do -

Copy of <sup>the</sup> 100 Letter to Mr Calvert Dated the 15 of Feb<sup>r</sup> 1762.  
transmitted by Capt Gowland.

Sir  
Having received His Ldp's several Instructions dated the 8<sup>th</sup> of Oct<sup>r</sup> last, also  
the Letter you were pleased to address to me the same Day with a Postscript  
added the 19<sup>th</sup> of that Month & another short Letter dated the 26<sup>th</sup> of Oct<sup>r</sup> I em-  
brace the earliest Opportunity to answer such parts thereof as were not written  
by way of Reply to my former Letters. I dispatched Your Packet to Col<sup>l</sup> Loyd &  
Your Letter to Mr Bacon hath been delivered, but as it appeared when I had  
closed Your Letter to Mr Bordley as if the Seal had been broken & the Lett<sup>r</sup>  
opened I declined delivering it lest such Appearance should have induced him  
to entertain Suspensions of its having been opened out of Curiosity; however upon  
finding that His Ldp was absolutely averse to Mr Bidoul's acting any longer as Com<sup>ty</sup>  
Gen<sup>l</sup> I have again solicited & at length persuaded Mr Bordley to accept that Office  
which the more lucrative is not for the Reasons that he heretofore gave me & which  
I then communicated to you so agreeable to him as the Office he now resigns to Mr  
Bidoul who I believe is by no means displeas'd with the Exchange for altho by ha-  
ving since his Appointment strenuously applied himself to the Study of that Branch  
of the Law which relates to Testamentary Affairs, the Duty of Executors & Administra-  
tors he had acquired a sufficient Share of Knowledge & Experience to discharge  
with Credit to himself the Duties of his Office, he is sensible there are some among  
us who would rejoice at his committing an Error & therefore as I have already intimated  
resigns without the least Reluctance an Office that exposed him more than any other