

he can hold to the Malvolence of such as may have lookt on him with an evil eye  
as I did myself apprehend that Mr Dordley was the most proper Person to fill the Com-  
missarys Office. I was not a little displeas'd as you must have seen by my Letter dated  
the 19 of April last at his Refusing to succeed. Mr Dulany was inclin'd to attribute his  
Refusal to a different Notice from what he himself assign'd, however the Readiness  
he shew'd to assist Mr Ridout lessened my Chagrine & as he hath now by accepting  
the Commissarys Office made every thing easy I will endeavour to forget all that hath  
past & hope I shall never again have such reason as I had last Year to be dissatisfied  
with the conduct of those two Gentlemen, of whose ruling Passions you seem I think  
to be pretty well apprized. It gives me pleasure to find by His Ldps Instructions & by  
your Letter that the Step I took upon the Discovery of Mr Darnalls fraudulent Neglect  
was well approved of & I return you Thanks for your friendly Offices towards Dr  
Scott in whose favour I hope to receive His Ldps Instruction before the Arrears due  
from Mr Darnall are paid by Mr Pops. Unable to guess what it is that Malice  
can have suggested to the Doctors Disadvantage, I cannot attempt to vindicate  
him from the Aspersions but confident am I that his Character will stand the  
nicest Scrutiny, Nevertheless there may perhaps be still Letter Writers in the Pro-  
vince arrogant enough to misrepresent & make as free with him as that very ingenious  
& candid Gentleman out of his great Zeal as he is pleas'd to intimate for the honour  
of His Ldps Government did with Mr Ridout, when he was advising his Merchant  
(whom doubtless it must prodigiously concern) of that Gentlemans Promotion. Who-  
were the People I wonder that this sham Friend to His Ldp says were in so great  
a ferment at Mr Ridouts being appointed a Member of the Council? were  
they His Ldps Friends or his Enemies? if the former why then no doubt one  
should expect that Mr Ridout was obnoxious to the Rest of the Council, but  
sure I am that one alone excepted there is not another who is not well pleas'd  
to have him among them. Were they then His Ldps Enemies or those who have dis-  
tinguish'd themselves by their Opposition, that were in a ferment at his preferring  
to a Seat in the Council & upper House a Person who according to the Letter  
wrote