

had been that we could not prevail on them to proceed to their Work before the 24<sup>th</sup>  
of this Month. If His Ldp & the Proprietors of Penns<sup>a</sup> agree to protract the time li:  
mitted for finishing the Business till the 31<sup>st</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup>: 1768 You will be pleased to signify  
to the Gentleman who may be employed to draw the Commission that John Midout<sup>Esq</sup>  
hath been appointed a Comm<sup>r</sup>: by me in the stead of Col<sup>:o</sup>: Tashet, John Leeds Esq  
in the Stead of Mr Malcolm the Rev<sup>d</sup>: Mr John Barclay in the place of Mr Dulany  
& George Stewart Esq: in the room of Col<sup>:o</sup>: Henry otherwise he will insert the Name  
of Col<sup>:o</sup>: Tashet who is dead, & of others who have now no Concern with the Business.  
When Col<sup>:o</sup>: Loyd was here during the Assembly I put him in mind of the Instructions  
which His Ldp had been pleased to send him the 8<sup>th</sup> of Oct<sup>r</sup>: of which I had recei:  
ved a Duplicate whereupon he told me that he would make Enquiry & purchase  
a Lot or half a Lot in Town to build a Receiver Gen<sup>l</sup>: Office on & that if His  
Ldp would be therewith satisfied he would endeavour to conform to the Instructions  
so far as they prescribed a Mode of keeping the Accounts & should have no Objection  
to submitting them to my Inspection, but as he apprehended that some of the Gent<sup>l</sup>:  
named particularly Mr Dulany with whom he has for some time been at Law  
& Mr Stewart with whom he has also had Contests would be disposed to give him  
Trouble & as he at the same time conceived the obliging him to lay his Accounts  
before such a Board after a manner never before practised implied some Suspicion  
to his Disadvantage he could not reconcile himself to that part of the Plan &  
intimated that he should not think of continuing Agent any longer in Case  
his Compliance with such Article should be insisted on. In Answer to this I told  
him that as to my Undertaking alone to examine his Accounts it was a Task  
I should wish to be excused from tho as His Ldp desired it I should readily assist  
with any other Gentlemen that His Ldp might think fit to appoint for that  
purpose that as to His Apprehensions of an Inclination to perplex or distress him  
in either of the Gentlemen nominated in His Ldp's Instructions I was persuaded  
they were groundless & should they have such an Inclination I did not see how  
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