

be qualified I could not but approve of the proposal, being of Opinion with him  
that his being put into the Council immediately after the Session during which he  
had been very active & constant in opposing those whose Schemes & Proceedings were  
condemn'd might be represented to his Disadvantage as if he had not acted on prin-  
ciple in opposing such Measures but purely to obtain a Seat in the Council; for this  
& some other Reasons which he mentioned, his Admission into the Council is as I  
have already said put off till next Month of which I flatter Myself His Ldps  
will not disapprove & if there should be any among Us who may think the Seat  
ought to have fallen to their Lot & may thereupon take the Liberty to exclaim against  
his being so distinguish'd, for really after the Liberties they took with Mr. Ridout I  
know not what Lengths such Persons will not go I hope no Regard will be paid  
to their Representations. — as Mr. Ridout had learnt that it had been suggested  
he was disagreeable to the Members of the Council (the contrary of which I am confi-  
dent is true) had reason to think such Hints had been given to Yourself he  
desired my Leave one Day while the Assembly was sitting to mention it to the  
Gentlemen of the Council all of whom were present except Col. Hammond who  
lay dangerously ill during the whole Session & Mr. Thomas who being also sick  
could not attend; whereupon after expressing to him their Surprize at the presumption  
of him or them who had taken the liberty to suggest any such thing & the Satisfaction  
it gave them to see him at the Board, they unanimously agreed to present an Address  
or Letter to me on the occasion & forthwith drew up & severally subscribed the Paper of  
which I enclose You a Copy. — Col. Loyds Ship which he expected from the West  
Indies being detained there in the Governments Service I shall have the Pipe of  
Madeira for His Ldps; One Dozen Hams put on board the Susanna Capt. Arbuckle  
consigned to Mr. Ruppel which unless any unforeseen accident prevents will sail  
next Month under Convooy of the Chesterfield & I shall send another Doz of Hams by  
Capt. Ayres in Mr. Tho: Philpots Employ who I am told will sail at the same time.  
I mention this not knowing whether His Ldps would choose to have Insurance made.  
I have also Bills of Exchange  
amounting to £125. 9. 3.