

there, This is said the Indians have complained of as an Encroachment on their  
Lands & is said that General Gage is to send a Detachment of the Kings Troop  
to assist the Government of Pennsylvania to break up the Settlement

Copy of Letter to Mr Amersley Dated Annapolis 24 Feby 1760

D<sup>r</sup> Sir  
The Bristol Ship on board which I sent some Days ago Letters for His Ldp & also two  
Address'd to Yourself having been so unlucky as to run aground & to be by that Accident  
detain'd till this time. I have a very early Opportunity to acknowledge my Receipt of  
the two Letters You favoured me with the 10 & 24 of Novem<sup>r</sup> last. [It really makes  
me unhappy to find that my appointing Mr Walter Dulany Commissary General  
last Summer on the Death of Mr Goldsborough was a Step His Ldp by no means  
approved of & that in appointing Mr Plater to succeed as Naval Officer of Potuxent I  
acted likewise contrary to His Ldp's Intention; I can truly say that in neither Instance  
did I consult my own Inclinations but only considered on whom His Ldp would  
choose to bestow those Offices. So long ago as December 1760 Your Predecessor in Office  
speaking of Mr Plater said "My Lord recommends him for Favour," repeated the same  
in another Letter of the 5 April 1761. again in May 1763 in a Letter signified to Mr  
Plater that I was instructed to bestow on him that Naval Office as soon as I should  
have an Opportunity: When therefore it became vacant I thought myself in a  
manner oblig'd to give it him especially as he was put aside once before when  
he expected an Appointment. Desirous to know Whom His Ldp would choose to  
prefer to the Commissary's Office in case of its becoming vacant & not wishing to have  
the Disposal thereof myself. in my Letter to Mr Calvert of the 16 of August 1765 which  
His Ldp in One he favoured me with the 5 of Nov<sup>r</sup> following acknowledged to have  
received I mentioned that Mr Goldsborough was then in an ill State of Health, added  
"Was an Accident to happen to him Whom pray in such Case would His Ldp have  
appointed Commissary General?" & in a Letter which I did myself the Honour to  
address to His Ldp the 22 of Oct<sup>r</sup> 1766 I put him in Mind of Mr Goldsborough's condi-  
tion being in an ill State of Health & hoped His Ldp would have given Instructions about  
a Successor: When he was reduced so low that there was no Probability of his recovering  
Mr Daniel Dulany applied to me & earnestly desired that in Case of Mr Goldsborough's  
dying the Commissary's Office might be given to his Brother which it was hardly possible  
for me to refuse when I considered what Signs of Confidence & Regard His Ldp had  
on all Occasions especially of late shewn towards the two Brothers & I well remembered  
what a Dust had been raised here by them & their Friends in 1760 upon my declining