

to be accounted for to the Treasurer & be hereafter liable to such Dis-
-position or Appropriation as the General Assembly may think fit being
as I understand intended as a Fund for the Support of such Judges in
Case the Scheme for their Establishment should be adopted at the next
Session to which Appropriation I conclude from what His Ldp. said in a
Letter he did Me the honour to write to Me the 7th of Feby 1765 he will
not object if the Bill for establishing such Judges is in other Respects un-
-exceptionable: I will as soon as possible get a Copy of the Bill framed this
Session & transmit it for His Ldp. & Your Consideration so that before the
Assembly meets again which probably they will not do till October Twelvemonth
I may be favoured with His Ldp's Instructions & Your Sentiments thereon.
It is not without very great Concern that I advise You of the Loss we have
suffered in the Death of Mr Tashner who died last Sunday after an Indispo-
-sition of about a Fortnight, he was I think more than seventy eight Years
old but till this Sickness seized him as hearty cheerful & in Appearance
likely to live many Years as any Person I knew: he had been a Member
of the Council ever since 1722 & I believe President of that Board near
twenty Years & to the last gave punctual Attendance, his mild Temper &
Behaviour to every Body made him much esteemed & as he was known
to almost every Person of Consideration in the Province his Death is uni-
-versally lamented: By this Accident & Mr Goldboroughs declining at
present to qualify as a Member (for the Reasons he has or will himself
offer to His Ldp.) the Council at this time consists of only nine Members
instead of Twelve & some of those are so infirm that tis likely the Board
will soon be reduced to a less Number; Col Hammond who is now the
Senior Member is very old & infirm as is also Mr Chamberlaine who is become
so deaf that as he says himself he is quite unqualified & for that Reason will
I believe desire Permission to retire or resign. Mr Lee tho not old is so often
laid up by the Gout that he can seldom stir from home & his Habitation
is on Potowmack not less than two Days Journey from this place, while
Colonel Lloyd is so much dissatisfied with some Things he has been told