

punctual & well acquainted with the People of his County & their Circumstances may be worth £300 a Year yet the Instances of Peoples improving their Fortune by undertaking those Offices have been very common owing to their not being in a sufficient degree possess'd of the above mentioned Qualifications; The Security too that a Sheriff must give is very considerable & I believe there has been no Instance since the Settlement of the Province of Persons being appointed till he had resided some time at least in the Province nor indeed would it be possible for an entire Stranger such as Mr. Teachman is to discharge the Duty of the Office; but if His Ldps pleases he might after he is of Age be appointed to a Shewaltry when by residing some time in the County he shall have acquired Knowledge enough to carry him thro' Business. Besides the Offices of Clerks & Sheriffs in the several Counties there is also in each a Deputy Commissary nominated by the Commissary Gen^l: but these Offices are of small Value scarcely any of them being worth more than £20 or £30^{ty} a Year & as the Commissions issue from the Commissary Gen^l: they must be conferred on People who have resided three Years in the Country & are possess'd of a Freehold. There is also in every County a Deputy Surveyor for executing Land Warrants, who in order that they may properly discharge their Duty should be pretty well acquainted with the Lands in their respective Counties, two or three of these Offices may perhaps bring in near £200 a Year, but they earn it dearly the Duty being very slavish, & the Rest of them are so little worth that few Gentlemen in case of a Vacancy make application for a Commission. One half only of these Deputy Surveyors are appointed by Me, those on the Eastern Shore holding their Commissions from [Mr. Benj^o Young Clk of St Mary's County who some Years ago on his Marriage with a Daughter of Mr. Hyde His Ldps Aunt was appointed Surveyor Gen^l of the Eastern Shore) an Office worth I suppose about £60 or £70^{ty}, since her Death he married a Sister of Mr. Dulany who bestowed on him the Clerkship of St Marys & secured to him as I presume the Continuation of his other Office also. [As I doubt not