

Secretary's Office, is I suppose more considerable otherwise ~~those~~ Gentlemen
who enjoyed it before. Mr Dulany would not have so readily paid out
of it £200 a Year which it was once in Mr Calverts power to have increas-
ed; If His Ldp or You should be of Opinion that those two Offices & the
other Offices held by others of the Family are too much to have fallen to their
share I beg it might be remembered that I long ago particularly in 1761
& 1762 desired the possible Consequences of throwing too much power into
the hands of one Family might be considered & that the Preference given
them afterwards on several Occasions pointed out to Me as it were when
His Ldp chose to distinguish, & indeed the particular Respect shewn
to Mr De Dulany by Mr Jordan while he staid here & by Mr Allen
till the Rupture in Novem^r was enough to deter Me from conferring the
Commissary's Office on any other Person than him who now possesses it
who indeed was the only Person that You ever mentioned as recommend-
ed to succeed Mr Goldborough after You were advised of that Gentleman's
being in a declining State of Health. That I may not commit any
such Error hereafter I should be glad to have a List from His Ldp
nominating the Successors to each Office that might become vacant for
I really do not wish to have the Nomination left to Myself, there are
very few for whom I have a great Regard, & tho I think them as deserving
of His Ldp's Favour as any I will not incur a suspicion of being influenced
in the Disposal of Offices by partiality or Personal Attachment. Mess^{rs}
Tendall & Clagget Two of the Clergymen that were ordained last Summer
& brought ^{sent} Recommendory Letters from You are as yet without Livings, but
as several of the Rectors of Parishes are old & infirm there will doubtless
be Vacancies within about a Year & half or two Years for both those Gentle-
& Mr Caswell also nor shall I venture to fill up St James's Parish till
I am favoured with an answer to my late Letters. I shall punctually observe
what You say against dividing Parishes hereafter & as there had been
only one Instance of it during the fifteen Years I have been in the
God.