

nor was I at all concerned thereof for really to speak my Mind freely
had within these two Years met with some Rubs & had some Difficulties
to encounter that made me uneasy & which it is altogether needless to
recount to any One not an entire Stranger to late Transactions in the
Province. [Unluckily for Me I have it seems by Your Letters taken a
few Steps within that time which chagrined His Ldp not a little, I mean
the appointing of Mr Walter Dulany Commissary Genl. Col^o Blater his Successor
in the Naval Office of Potuxent, the Rev^d Mr Allen His Ldp's Agent in the
stead of Col^o Loyd who resigned, & Major Jennifer Keeper of the Western
Shore Post Roll.] Had I in making such Appointments been actuated
more by private Pique at others or by an overweening Fondness for Favour-
rites of my own His Ldp would have had good Reason to be dissatisfied
but the Motives that govern'd Me on those Occasions were indeed of a
very different kind & the principal of them was (as must have appeared
to every Man in the Province) really & truly no other than a Solicitation
to fulfill what I apprehended were His Ldp's Intentions & Desires. As
I have in former Letters particularly in One bearing Date the 24 of
Febr'y last reminded You of some Passages in His Ldp's Instructions
in Mr Calverts & Your own Letters that as I thought pointed out Mr
Dulany & Col^o Blater for the Offices they now respectively enjoy I shall
at present only observe that was the Naval Office again vacant I do
not think it could be more properly conferr'd; & tho in Your Letter of
the 20 of July 1767 (where You mentioned Mr W Dulany as the only Person
recommended to succeed the late Commissary Genl then languishing) You
express'd some Doubt about his being sufficiently versed in the Ecclesiastical
& Civil Law to discharge the Duties of the Office, I am satisfied No Body
here who knows him thinks him deficient in point of Abilities whatever
Objections of a different Sort may have been started against his holding
such principal Office in the Government. Before I proceed to vindicate
my Conduct in appointing Mr Allen His Ldp's Agent permit Me to
recapitulate what has pass'd between us with respect to that Gentleman
since it was first intimated to Me that His Ldp had a View of providing
for him. [In Your Letter dated the 26 of Dec^r 1765 You said "There is
a very deserving Clergyman a Fellow of a College at Oxford of a good
numerous Family, an intimate Acquaintance of His Ldp to whom he