

satisfaction, in a manner sufficiently expressive of His Ldps great
Friendship & Regard for him. By no means would His Ldp involve
You or himself in any Disputes about Pluralities but if Mr Allen can
proceed no further in his Ecclesiastical Walk he must strike into
some other Path & a Civil Employment must be found for him not
inconsistent with his Function for abundant Precedents are to be found
in the Colonies & Islands where Lay-Officers have been held by Ecclesi-
asticks, & I think Mr Sterling a Clergyman was once Collector of the
Customs in Maryland. His Ldp had destined him to the Commissioners
Office, or a part of it, as it has been some times occupied by two Persons
jointly, or to the Place of Naval Officer of Portauent, till the Receipt
of Your Excellency's Letter mentioning the Disposition You had made
of those two Offices. The Impropriety of the Receivers holding the
Treasurership of the Rent Roll (which was intended as a Constitutional
Check upon him) has now turned His Ldp's Eyes to that Employment,
& to that or any other now vacant or which may become so either in
Consequence of any Resignation of Mr Lloyd or of any new Regulations
to be proposed by the Commissioners or by any other Accident His Ldp
desires & expects Mr Allen may be immediately promoted, & the better it is
& the sooner it reaches him, His Ldp will be the better pleased, for he
has very much & deservedly engaged His Ldps Attention & Regard. in
perusing Bacons Edition of the Laws I observe there is an Act of Assembly
made in 1708 for the Advancement of Natives & Residents which incapacitates
any person from holding an Office without a previous three Years
Residence, but with an Exception of Commissions flowing immediately
from Her Majesty Her Heirs & Successors: The Government was at this
time in the Crown, & I take it to be now settled that the Ld Proprietary
is to be considered in Loco Regis in all the Acts where the Crown is
named, & consequently the Exception will apply to the Grants to be made
by His Ldp as it did to those of the Crown, His Ldp has therefore executed
an immediate Commission under his own hand & Seal in favour of Mr
Allen leaving the particular Employ in blank to be filled up by Your
Excellency as soon as it arrives according to what shall then offer, &
Your Excellency will please to receive it as an actual immediate Com-
mission or as Instructions from His Ldp for the particular Commission
as You will find it most effectual to answer His Ldps Intentions.
Col. Lloyd having in Feby last express'd to Me an earnest Desire to be
Discharged