

after Col^o Mator was appointed, & You particularly pointed out the
Office of Rent Roll Keeper as one You apprehended might be acceptable
to him, & had You stop't there I should have known what I had to do,
but when You proceeded, "and 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 L^{ty} desires & expects Mr Allen may be immediately promoted
"the better it is & the sooner it reaches him His L^{ty} will be the better pleased
could I comprehend Your Meaning to be, that in case Col^o Lloyd should
choose to resign the Agency I was not on any Account to confer on Mr
Allen that Office? Did Col^o Lloyd hold any Office beside the Agency & the
Keepership of the Rent Roll? or what other Office was there any probability
of my being able to bestow on Mr Allen? What Expectations both His
L^{ty}'s Letters & Yours had encouraged that Gentleman to entertain are
fully explained in his Note to Me of the 27 of March; he absolutely
refused to accept the Rent Roll, & Nothing less than One of
the Best & Capital Places would have contented him. If he remonstrates
against my delaying, only for a few Days to put him in possession of the
Office to which both he & I supposed His L^{ty} intended he should succeed
What Lengths might he not have gone had I refused to appoint him
Agent at all, would he not think You have treated Me as a Contemner
of His L^{ty}'s Orders? The Truth is I did conclude from Your Letters
that His L^{ty} would be well pleased at Mr Allen's being appointed
Agent; both His L^{ty} & You seem'd to entertain not only the greatest
Esteem & Friendship for him but the highest Opinion likewise of his
Abilities, & I am for my part satisfied that with regard to that Matter
he is full as well qualified to discharge the Duties of the Agents as of
the Rent Roll Keepers Office. My Lord who had long been intimately
acquainted with him seem'd to have plac'd in him entire Confidence,
& was it for Me to make such an Objection to his being Agent as that it
was an Office of all others most interesting to His L^{ty}? Had I told
him by way of Objection to his having it that it was an Office of all
which requir'd an intimate Knowledge of the Country & of every Law
& every Branch of the Revenue arising within it & the greatest Skill &
Experience in Accounts, might he not have said how do You know the
Extent of my Skill & Experience in Accounts, Does His L^{ty}'s Revenue
arise from more than a very few Articles, are the Laws relative thereto