

Hamersley an account that has been put into my hands by Mr Leeds for his attendance as a Commissioner & Mathematician on the Business of the Province of the Lines amounting to 177 Guineas at the Rate of a Guinea a Day which is what the Proprietors of Pennsylvania allow to each of their Commissioners & as Mr Malcolm was the only Mathematician nominated in Your Ldps Commission was unable to attend at the time it arrived & died soon afterwards I thought there was a Necessity for having some other in his stead & Mr Leeds was acknowledged to be by far the best in the Province, Your Ldps Agent here will therefore I hope be authorized to pay him. None of the other Commissioners who acted on behalf of Your Ldp have exhibited any Account nor do I suppose they intend to make any claim for their attendance —

In the Letter I address'd to Mr Hamersley the 30 of last Month I inform'd him that Mr Carroll One of the Gentlemen whom Your Ldp was lately pleas'd to nominate a Member of the Council & Upper House had declined qualifying & while I was on the Eastern Shore I received the following Letter from Mr Mathew Tilghman bearing Date the 8th Inst "Sir I purpos'd to have wait'd upon Your Excellency at Annapolis about this time according to my Appointment but understanding that You will be on this shore & judging it improper to delay any longer the Notice of my Refusal I take the Freedom in this manner to signify to Your Excellency that I do not incline to accept the Agents Commission or to take a seat at the Council Board. I am by no means insensible to the honour done Me by Your Ldps in these Appointments & I beg Your Excellency will be pleas'd to return This Ldp my Thanks with an Assurance that I shall always endeavour to retain a just Sense of his Favour. I have the honour to be with the greatest Respect &c."

On my Return to Annapolis I communicated the contents of Mr Tilghman's Letter to the Board of Revenue & desired their Advice what Steps ought to be taken with respect to the Agents Office which they were of Opinion could not after what Mr Hamersley had wrote to Me the 18 July & after what he had wrote to Mr De Dulany be any longer continued to Mr Allen & as that Gent^l had given out & indeed intimat'd to Me that he had Thought of leaving the Province very shortly in order to repair to Your Ldp they were of Opinion that he ought to be call'd on immediately to produce to the Board a general Account or State of what Monies he had received & remitted to Your Ldp to the 29 of Sept last which he was accordingly desired to do but refus'd to comply till the 25 of March next. In consequence therefore of their Opinion & Advice I issued a Commission last Saturday to Mr Dent of