

Mr. Thomas Jenifer who before Mr. Allen's Appointment acted as Col^l Lloyd's
Deputy here & by that means was well acquainted with the Business. for
my own part I was very sorry to find myself again in such a Situation not
knowing how far this Step might meet with Your Ldps Approbation but
as Mr. Tilghman had refused to accept & the Board were of Opinion that I
could not answer it to Your Ldp or indeed be secure myself if I delayed
any longer to appoint some other responsible Person & one capable of giving
good Security Agent in Mr. Allen's stead I flatter myself Your Ldps considering
how Matters were circumstanced will approve of my Conduct, at least it
is such as will prevent Your Ldps suffering any Loss or Disappointment.
Had the Gentleman who mentioned Mr. Tilghman & Mr. Carroll as Per-
sons most proper to be appointed of the Council been acquainted with a
hundredth part of what has pass'd here during the time I have been in the
Province he would have been sensible that they could not with any Propriety
or consistency qualify or in case of their qualifying, act in such a manner
as Your Ldp would naturally wish them to do, for my part I have always
thought it good Policy to confer Offices & Honours when it was in my power
on such as had by their publick Conduct shewn themselves Friends & Well-
wishers to Your Ldps Government, but this Consideration (Your Ldp will
I hope excuse me for speaking my Sentiments so freely to Yourself) does
not appear to have had the most Weight in the Nomination of the two
Gentlemen I have already mentioned, of the Appointment of Mr. Meredith
to be Keeper of the Western Shore Rent Roll, or of the peculiar Marks of
Honour & Favour shewn to Mr. Lee, who has this Day produced to Me Your
Ldps Commission appointing him Surveyor General of the Western Shore
an Office that has for a great Number of Years (I believe ever since the
Government of the Province was restored to Your Ldps Grandfather) been
held by the Lieut^t Governor, I do not My Ld mention this as if I gave it
up to Mr. Lee with Reluctance, the Value of it to Me while I am to have
the Honour of continuing in my present Station would be very inconsiderable
but the Construction every Person here will put on a Commission's being sent
by Mr. Jordan to Mr. Lee for that Office is very obvious. Since both Mr.
Tilghman & Mr. Carroll decline qualifying as Members of the Council &
Mr. Chamberlaine & Col^l Lloyd are desirous that other Members may be ap-
pointed in their stead, it would not perhaps be amiss for Your Ldps to authorize