

now other can act but He, or I. - He - if he had accepted and I upon his declining the acceptance - My Lord orders me to resign to Mr. Pellyman whom he has appointed - His Lordship has not ordered me to resign to Mr. Jenifer whom he has not appointed. Therefore the one would be flying in the face of his authority, to do the other would be a breach of Trust. - How far Mr. Jenifer's Security may reach I cannot determine - my personal Security may be as good as his - and Mr. Morris a Gentleman with Lands and my Mother Captain to the Duke of Montague, a Pleuralist with an Estate in Expectancy would have given any Security required as soon as they arrived in London in the Winter, and yet what had passed between my Lord, Mr. Hamersley and those Gentlemen upon the Subject - my removal therefore appears equally unexpected and precipitate.

I think it extremely hard that His Lordships good intentions should be frustrated with regard to me in any respect and put in execution with regard to any other Person tho' scarcely known to him by Name. - Mr. Hamersley repeatedly assured me that I was destined to the Commissary's Office, or part of it, or for the Naval Office, or the Admiralty. - If the immediate Commission be not already filled up, it remains to be filled up, and half the Commissary's office is as much vacant now as it was then. And I may hope that your Excellency would exert your Powers in one case as in the other.

I should be extremely sorry that my Lord's Affairs should suffer thro' me. They have not yet suffered since I have had them for eight Months in my Hands, nor do I think they will suffer at all if I keep them seven Months longer till His Lordships pleasure is known.

I am very clear that no Man can act legally as Agent but by my voluntary Resignation, if then, or by Deputation from me. I beg you will pardon the Freedom of my Pen on this Occasion being with great Consideration -

Yours Excellency's most Obedt. & most humble Servant