

vouchsafe to put in me be pleased to accept my grateful thanks & rest assured that I will by the most exact & punctual Compliance with Your Expectations endeavour to approve myself worthy of it. Your Assurance to render my Administration as easy as possible sensibly affects me & I beg leave to repeat on my part the promise that I made my Lord that no views of Interest, no prejudice no Affection or Friendships shall divest me at any time from pursuing & advising whatever I think the most likely means to promote his Ldp's Interest. This led me to recommend M^r Dulany M^r Goldsborough & M^r Tilghman to His Ldp's favourable Notice, having never heard the least thing objected to either of these Gentlemen's Characters I was persuaded they would not be disapproved of on that Acco^t & if you knew how unaccustomed or how averse the present members (except perhaps M^r Thomas) were to writing or communicating their thoughts to the lower House by Message on any Occasion you would I am persuaded think with me that it is highly requisite the vacancies in his Ldp's Council should be supplied with Gent^l of Abilities who have been used to argue or write & would be capable of supporting his Ldp's Rights & prerogatives whenever a Levelling House of Burgesses should be inclined to attack them. You know Sir that few People will choose to engage in a Dispute with those whose superiour Capacity they are sensible of & have experienced this Consideration is an Inducement to my giving Gentle^l of Abilities the preference in my Recommendation of Persons for His Ldp's Council, if such can be found distinguished at the same time for their Probity in their respective Neighbourhoods. in case His Ldp should be unwilling to advance either of the abovenamed Gent^l I have also named two others as you will please to observe in my other Letter. Application you are pleased to tell me has been made in favour of M^r Cha Goldsborough & M^r Rich^d Lloyd with the past Conduct of the first you are already acquainted & I must confess I should be sorry to see him in the Station to which he Aspires tho he should become less a favourer of popular measures than he has hitherto been & I apprehend because I have heard them intimate as much that such a preference would give no small uneasiness to most of the other Members. Out of Respect & Regard for Coll. Lloyd I have already commissioned M^r Rich^d Lloyd to be a provincial Magistrate but I should be very glad he was not so earnestly recommended to be of his Ldp's Council. As a Gentleman I esteem him but I have before ventured to tell you that to be free from every fault or to be a worthy man & good Companion is not in my opinion sufficient at this time to recommend a Person to a Seat at the Council Board. You seem to be of Opinion that

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