

position & his having lately contracted Marriage with a Niece Letter Bk. III
of His Ldp's who was lately in England & whom possibly you might have seen at the Council Office. On these Matters I have often writ in the most pressing manner but have the Mortification to see that I have done so to very little purpose— There are several Matters about which Disputes have subsisted many years between the Lord Proprietary & the people which would His Ldp suffer them to be brought to a Hearing at home & a final Determination would I am well convinced be decided without the least hesitation in His Ldp's favour, however Some of the violent Patriots as they are called think & persuade the People to think otherwise, a Cause is not to be brought before His Majesty in Council without Money & an Agent; the People have repeatedly desired to be allowed an Agent for a short time; Granting their Request His Lordship says would plunge him into a Sea of Trouble & therefore enjoynes me to take every measure to prevent any thing of that Sort, unless the people will put their Confidence in M^r Calvert & nominate him their Agent, this I am to recommend to them as warmly as possible but as it can be easily foreseen with what Indignation they would hear the proposal, I shall never act so impolitickly as to give them a Hint of it—I am sorry to find that M^r Hanbury thinks himself in the least respect slighted or neglected by me I am sure I have endeavoured by many Letters to convince him of the contrary & that I highly esteem & value his Friendship. this you may depend I will continue to do but I begin to fear from what you intimate that he is not quite satisfied at my declining to prefer some persons who had procured his Letters of Recommendation I need not tell you what Motive will sometimes induce Merchants to give such Lett^{rs} nor will you think it strange that I should not always see their Friends with the same Eyes that they do, but as far as I have been able I have endeavoured to oblige M^r Hanbury by serving his Friends tho as I have before hinted my Superiours have seldom given me such Opportunities— I am exceedingly obliged to you for recommending me so warmly to Lord Loudon whose safe & speedy arrival will give Joy to all His Majesty's American Subjects, by Your Description he is a Gent^l that will please much, tho not the more perhaps for being born in a Northern Climate. The favourable Opinion you may have inclined him to entertain of me I shall by Letters & every other Method endeavour to confirm & improve, but as I have little Reason to be fond of attending or making Court to Generals in America I hope I shall be excused for not paying my Respects to him personally, unless I should be fortunate enough to get such a Commission as I have already mentioned. I thank you for informing me how far Lord Albermarle interested