

also been dangerously ill for some time but he is now on the Recovery, I have made him acquainted with Your Ldp's Instructions concerning & Favour towards him & will as soon as there is a Council & he can attend have him qualified agreeable to Your Ldp's Order, I do not know whether M^r Tasker will now choose to resign in his Favour or not but I am very glad Your Ldp has been pleased to leave that to themselves. I have not seen Colo Lloyd since I received your Ldp's Instructions but he has promised to come over very shortly, I shall then press him to exchange with M^r Thomas & hope he will no longer refuse to comply with what is so reasonable & what Your Ldp is pleased to require. I beg leave to acquaint Your Ldp in Answer to the Instruction that you have at Mess^{rs} Hanburys Request been pleased to give me concerning M^r Wolstenholme their Agent or Factor here, that I should without any such Direction from your Ldp have served M^r Wolstenholme if it had been in my Power. The Connection that he has with M^r Hanbury as well as my own Regard for him which was confirmed during our Voyage to Maryland would have induced me to provide for him agreeable to his Inclinations & indeed did induce me to offer him the Sheveralty of this County which I was surprized to hear him refuse; if he had accepted it would have been worth at least £200 a year to him & I beleive there is no other Person in the Province in his situation that would have declined my Offer, indeed he told me that if I would serve him I must give him a place that he could execute by Deputy for that he could not think of accepting any that would require his own Attendance. This being the Case I know not what to do for him, there is no Office that would suit him but a Naval Office & Your Ldp knows that there is none of them vacant. I have writ to M^r Hanbury more than once & acquainted him with its being out of my Power to provide for M^r Wolstenholme for the reasons that I have now mentioned, but I beg leave to observe to Your Ldp that by the Acts of Assembly which have been lately made for His Majesty's Service M^r Wolstenholme is appointed one of the Agents as I presume your Ldp has been informed, this is worth near £300 p Ann to him which is more than any office that I have the Disposal of brings in clear & almost as much as I have been myself able to save in any one year. It might perhaps be urged that he is endebted for this Office to the Assembly only as his Name was inserted in the Bill by the Lower House but as the other Branches of the Legislature had it in their power to object to him & did not I cannot but think that some Acknowledgment is due to them likewise. I ask Your Ldp's Pardon for being so prolix

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