

Letter Bk. IV The Eldest at the Board Your Ldp knows is M<sup>r</sup> Tasker the President of whom I presume I need say nothing more than that he was Agent till the Year 1753 when he desired Leave to Resign, since which time Your Ldp also knows he was in

p. 90 Obedience to Your Ldp's orders appointed Commissary General, that finding himself unequal to the Office he desired Mr. D Dulany his Son in Law might be joined with him & that after some time he obtained Your Ldp's Leave to resign the whole Office to his Son in Law who at present enjoys it. The next oldest Member is Col<sup>o</sup> Charles Hammond who is one of the Commissioners of the Loan Office & Treasurer of the Western Shore, for what reason he was recommended to a Seat at the Council I do not know, all I shall say more concerning him is that I cannot think of recommending him to the Office of Receiver General. As to M<sup>r</sup> Philip Thomas he is now such an Invalid that he hardly ever goes from home nor is it expected that he will again enjoy a better State of Health. M<sup>r</sup> Chamberlayne is also I suppose upwards of Sixty years of Age & almost deaf, enough I conceive to disqualify him for the Office in question. The next in order I think is Col<sup>o</sup> Tasker who having been already so much favoured by Your Ldp as to be appointed Deputy Secretary of the Province will never choose to resign it for the Office of Receiver Gen<sup>l</sup> M<sup>r</sup> B<sup>r</sup> Calvert Your Ldp knows is at present one of the Judges of the Land Office as well as one of the Collectors of His Majesty's Customs in this Province (a very lucrative Place procured for him by Your Ldp's Father) he has lately built a House on a Tract of Land which the late Ld Proprietary likewise gave him about 30 miles from this City & spends almost his whole time on his plantation, whether he would think it worth while to resign his Share of the Land Office & remove to Annapolis for the Office of Receiver Gen<sup>l</sup> I cannot tell; I

p. 91 must do him the Justice to say that his Behaviour towards myself & in the Upper House of Assembly has given me Satisfaction. As to M<sup>r</sup> Lee he is Settled down on Potowmack (where he has lately built a good House) so much to his Satisfaction that I much question if any other place that could be offered him would induce him to resign his Naval Office there & remove with his Family to Annapolis. Col<sup>o</sup> Goldsborough who is the next oldest Councillor has for some time past laboured under such a Disorder as hath rendered him absolutely unfit for Business & must in a very short time inevitably carry him off. M<sup>r</sup> Dulany Your Ldp will remember is Commissary Gen<sup>l</sup> & was he not, his Business as a Lawyer would be a reason against my mentioning him on the present Occasion. Col<sup>o</sup> Henry is very often laid up with the Gout & lives in one of the most distant parts of the Province which he