

300 £ p^r annum by two paym^{ts} half yearly by me rec^d of his Calvert
 coresp^{dt} in London & giving me security for his due execution Papers.
 of My office as Provincial Sec^y under such conditions as the
 late M^r Tasker these conditions are the same I wrote you
 Decem^r 2^d relative to M^r Bordley I wish I could continue M^r
 Ridout y^r Appointm^t My Ld likes not, he will keep him to
 his own purpose. M^r Plater here, has requested My office, I
 told him I had not heard from you saying, I hope you are well
 with the Gov^r he said yes, he hoped so, that he esteemed you
 & had done no other ways than deserving. His Lord^p likes
 him, do you approve his being of the Council, My Ld recom^{ds}
 him for favour under y^r recommendation But in what degree
 I've not said to him I desire you'll make My compl^{ts} to M^r
 Bordley, that Necessity is the only cause of my exchange of him
 to M^r Dulany, if he accepts, M^r Bordley will be the gainer;
 he must continue Attor^y General his Lord^{ps} condition of obli-
 gation is such. On either their Acceptance of My Office Let
 it commence at a Quarter day & upon advice from you I will
 transmit My Deputation. My Ld on reconsideration Doubts,
 Q^{res} M^r Dulany's merit? thinks his conduct suspicious, therefore
 if he Boggles at the conditions of acceptance the Sec^{ys} office it is
 best to Quit him, don't press him to

M^r Bordley is very proper to succeed as p^r his Lord^{ps} Instruc-
 tion, for my part, I shall be glad of him under me, However
 at all Adventure it will be right to ffit the comissary, the Doc-
 trine I have at times stem'd is again started! that of offices
 granted to people favourites here & their appointment of
 Deputies. I hope you'll hear shortley from y^r Brothers con^s y^r
 war Acco^{ts} M^r Sec^y Pitt has refered the Matter of Acc^{ts} to the
 Treasury to examine the contents, from thence we hope to
 obtain reference to the controller of the Army & from

to the secretary for paym^t just, yet very difficult to
 obtain Satisfaction, the Provincial Agent you mention, the
 worth I estimate to be com^{unibus} annis near 700 £ p^r ann: will
 turn out that & more under real regulation. You speak of
 M^r Calvert's good Behaviour, I wish things could be contrived
 for his advantage. Here is a M^r Key, on turning to the Jour-
 nals, his Father's conduct seems Honourable, his son apply's
 much to Law at Westm^r Hall & is of good Behaviour & one
 that may be proper to succeed as Attor^y Gen^l he gains his
 Lord^{ps} attention, is with great Respect towards you. Men
 come Over or apply by Let^r My Answ^r Are you well with the
 Gov^r that is the—Effectual way to the Proprietor. A hint
 of Persons & of things from you will alway have due regard
 from Me make all y^r Desires of preferment to the Proprietor,
 you are his representative & by whom all things terminate.
 Commotion here ab^t Honours Noble, Offices &c. No signs
 of Peace.