

Letter Bk. IV Brother John (Clerk of Frederick County & M^r Carroll a
 Gentⁿ of considerable Fortune in this City who had become
 joint Sureties in his Office Bond applied to me by Petition
 p. 189 offering to pay the penalty of it upon its being assigned over
 to them in order that they may endeavour to indemnify them-
 selves which Offer was readily accepted, the Gentlemen of the
 Council being of opinion that their Request was a reasonable
 one—By Virtue of this Assignment they will I suppose secure
 for themselves some Money that is due to M^r Henry Darnall
 who it seems had as soon as he was advised of the abovementioned
 Discovery given them Orders on two or three people
 who were his Debtors, but they aver that do what they can
 they must both be considerable Losers, & I believe One of
 them cannot well afford it; Influenced by this Consideration
 I had some thoughts at first in case the Bills of Excha that
 were paid by M^r H Darnall a few Weeks ago to the Agent
 should prove sufficient to satisfy your Ldps Claim & my own
 to let some Friend of M^r J Darnall's hold the Office for his
 Benefit till I should be favoured with Your Ldps farther
 Instructions, but finding by a Return from M^r Darnall's Deputy
 (which I received the first Inst) that the abovementioned Bills
 fall so much short of what is due to Your Ldp & Myself, &
 having likewise some reason to think that M^r Carroll & M^r J
 Darnall did not deal quite ingenuously with me the other Day
 when I asked them whether they knew of any Debts due to
 the late Naval Officer I signified to M^r John Darnall by a Lett^r
 dated the 1st Inst that I could not possibly serve him in the
 manner above mentioned, & as there was a necessity for my
 appointing another Naval Officer immediately I forthwith
 issued a Commission to M^r Ross Clerk of the Council who
 had previously consented & agreed that he would act in that
 Office by Deputy as long as I should think fit to continue him
 & account for the whole profits excepting only such Share of
 the Fees as he might be obliged to allow his Deputy, By this
 means if it be agreeable to Your Ldp the Ballance due from
 p. 190 M^r Darnall on Account of the Impost of One Shilling p^r Hhd
 & the Tunnage Duty might be discharged in about two years.
 If Your Ldp will take the Trouble to read the Committees
 Report you will perceive it likewise appeared to them that M^r
 Young the Naval Officer of Pocomoke had neglected to render
 any Account of the 15^d p^r Hhd collected in his District ever
 since he was appointed but that when he was informed the
 Committee had made such a Discovery he hurried down with
 his Accounts & having as I suppose applied the Money to his
 own private use prevailed on his Brother in Law M^r Walter
 Dulany (one of the Committee) to pay to the Commissioners
 of the Loan Office on his Account a Bill of Exchange for the