

The said Coll. Smith on a well qualified and gives
 such great satisfaction to the country in his Station &
 for that there is a considerable number of a present chief
 Justice in whose names the writs should bear Test that
 it is recommended to the next assembly to consider of some
 Encouragement to be given to the said Coll. Smith for his
 Continuance in that Station and that the said Coll. Smith
 may be assured that if he will continue to serve in that
 Station & Employment his Excellency & the Board will
 take care that he shall be paid as an Encouragement for
 the time he has not executed one year proportionably
 after the rate of Fifty Pounds p Annum out of the 50000
 Pounds which his Excellency & the Board are empowered
 to raise for the Defraying the small Charge of the Prov^{ts}

His Excellency acquainting the Board that May
 William Dent his Majesty's Atty General of this Province
 who has used great Industry Diligence & Integrity
 in serving his Majesty and Discharging his Duty in
 that Station finding his health much impaired and being
 Very Remote from the Seat of Government had signified
 to them his inclination of leaving his practice & desire
 of being discharged from that Service & therefore desired this
 Board to represent whom they thought fittest to be appoin-
 ted to serve his Majesty in that Employment who are
 pleased to say they do think William Bladen very fit for
 that Service

His Excellency asks the Board if they have any
 thing further to propose for his Majesty's Service who say
 not at present

Ordered that Geo Muschamp Esq his Majesty's Re-
 ceiver of Pennsylv^a & Province pay unto Major Will^m
 Dent nine pounds & four pence out of his Majesty's duty
 of 3 p^{ts} 10d for being what said Major Dent disbursed