

Government^t of this Province and the same to exercise in as full Lib. C. B.
and ample Manner to all Intents and Purposes as any President hath heretofore done in the Absence of a Governor, and to have and enjoy all Rights Priviledges Immunities Superiorities and Advantages of Every Nature and Quality as any President of the Council hath had or by Law ought to have although not herein specially mentioned Provided always that the said shall take the respective Oaths to the Government and qualify himself in all other Respects according to Law before he enters upon the Execution of his said Office To have and enjoy the said Office with all Rights Priviledges Immunities Superiorities and Advantages thereunto belonging until some Other Person shall be sent duely qualified to supersede him In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and caused the Great Seal of this Province to be affixed this Day of in the Twenty fourth Year of his Lordships Dominion Anno Domini One thousand Seven hundred and Thirty Eight

His Excellency is pleased to lay before the Board the follow- p. 16
ing Letter directed to him from the Vestry of Christ Church Parish in Queen Anns County.

May it please Your Excellency

We the Vestry of Christ Church Parish in Queen Anns County have thought it Our Duty to inform Your Excellency of the State of the Parish aforesaid as to the Church and Glebe, as also the Amount of the forty Pounds of Tobacco p Pole in the said Parish

The Church is of Brick twenty five feet wide and forty feet long, the Altar and Stairs want repairing, with some other small Repairs; The Glebe has a new Dwelling House half finished, One Tobacco house, and One old House almost useless

The Amount of the forty Pounds Tobacco p Pole for the Year 1738 is fifteen thousand four hundred and Eighty

And lastly We humbly beg Leave to present to Your Excell^y M^r Ralph Elstone the Bearer a sober and discreet Person for a Reader in the Parish Church af^d which We most humbly beg your Excellency to license for the Office af^d

Signed p Order

14 Novem. 1738.

Matthew Browne Clk

Which Representation being read It is the humble Advice of this Board to his Excellency that he be pleased to license the said Ralph Elstone as Reader in the af^d Parish; and