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I am with great Respect Sir  
Your Excellency's most obliged and Obedient  
humble Servant.

5<sup>th</sup> October 1768.

Bennet Allen.

His Excellency having desired the Advice of this Board thereon, and what further steps would be advisable for him to take, It is the Unanimous Opinion of this Board, that for anything that appears to the Board, there is no foundation for the Indecent Insinuations in the said Publication contained, and that his Excellency cannot with Propriety take Notice at present of a Matter so irregularly suggested, further than as he has already been pleased to intimate to the supposed Author the Propriety of his explaining or Supporting his Allegations above referred to, the said Supposed Author nor any other Person having thought fit to undertake the same.

His Excellency was also pleased to lay before this Board the following Letter which he had received from the Honourable Walter Dulany Esq<sup>r</sup> desiring their Advice thereon.

Sir

I must beg leave to Submit to Your Excellency's Consideration a Paper which has been lately Published in the Pennsylvania Chronicle, signed B: A. which from the Contents and all Circumstances, I take to mean Bennet Allen, his Lordship's Agent. It is fill'd with many virulent Charges against W. D. by which Characters I understand myself to be meant. Some of these Charges are of a Publick and some of a Private Nature. The former alone I shall Select for your Excellency's Perusal, which stands thus: "But I hope by this time, that there is not a real Parishioner of All Saints so prejudiced &c. as not to see through the vile and infamous Treatment I received. encouraged if not recommended by the most unprincipled and revengeful Man alive. I had for some time entertained hopes that the Spirit of Ambition &c. that had long disturb'd not only my own Peace but that of the Province would &c. A Spirit that when I went to take peaceable Possession of a Church raised a Mob against me, who had I not been miraculously preserved, would have Torn me into a Thousand Pieces. A Spirit that conjured up the blackest Fiends in Hell, to ruin my Fortune, prevarication lying corruption bribery." After pointing me out by the initial Letters of my Name, he pro-