

years ago who intimated that he had some Right to the Mannour, but I have heard nothing more of it since that time. I am glad His Ldp approved of my Presenting M<sup>r</sup> Walker to the Parish called S<sup>t</sup> Mary White Chapple in Dorchester County; & that he hath been likewise pleased to accept my Recommendation of M<sup>r</sup> Barclay whom I inducted a few Days ago into All Hallow's Parish which as I sometime since informed you was Vacated by the Decease of M<sup>r</sup> Spencer. It gives me much Satisfaction to know that His Ldp was pleased with the Speech which I made to the Assembly in March last, & I hope he will likewise approve of what I said to them the 26<sup>th</sup> of last Month, at which Time I met them in Consequence of a Letter that I had about a fortnight before received from General Monkton: This you will perceive was the Reason I gave for Convening the Assembly at that time, but I believe what weighed most with the Gentlemen of the Council when they advised me to take this Step was a Desire to Relieve the Land Holders particularly the Roman Catholicks from the great & unequal Tax that was about to fall on them in Consequence of the Act for Granting a Supply of £40000 &c which was made in 1756 & whereby it was provided & directed that lest the Funds appropriated for Sinking the said Sum should prove deficient that a certain number of Members from both Houses should on the first Monday in Aug<sup>t</sup> 1760 meet at the Loan Office to examine the State & Annual Produce of the said Funds & that in Case they should be thereby convinced that the Funds would prove deficient, that then they should issue Certificates to the several Collectors of the Land Tax certifying that there was such Deficiency & directing the several Collectors to Demand & Receive from the Land-Holders within their respective Counties as much over & above the usual Land Tax as would altogether make good the Deficiency. Accordingly several of the Commissioners having met in Aug<sup>st</sup> last to examine the State of the Funds & found that at the time when the money which had been emitted ought to be sunk there would be a Deficiency of more than £14,000 (scarcely one of the Funds having produced as much as was expected) they made out Certificates agreeable as they conceived to the Directions of the Act & thereby required the Collectors to Demand & receive within this Year commencing the 29<sup>th</sup> of Sept<sup>r</sup> from every Land Holder being a Protestant an Additional Sum of Seven Shillings & seven pence over & above the one Shilling otherwise payable & from every Papist the Sum of Fifteen Shillings & Two pence additional Tax for every hundred Acres of Land by them respectively holden. As no Body at the Time the £40,000 Act was made apprehended that the Deficiency of the Funds would be a

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