

ing to Stipulation & raise an Out cry in the Province that might not be easily silenced, at least I am satisfied that many of the Clergymen now in the Province would if so circumstanced behave in that manner. Was M^r Allen to come hither & personally take Possession of the Living no Objection could be made to his Returning to England as soon afterwards as he pleased leaving a Curate to officiate during his Absence; but the question is how he will become possessed of a Living here as a Freehold without ever appearing in the Province to take possession. There are at this time three Parishes vacant of at least £200 stg a year each, & three or four others of less Value & as the present Incumbents in two Parishes of the Yearly Value of £250 are very old & infirm I doubt not but One or other of these will soon become vacant. If Your Ldp approves thereof I should be glad to have Leave after reserving the best for M^r Allen to prefer to the others such Clergymen as are deserving & have at present but small Livings & in particular the Rev^d M^r Keene M^r Neal M^r West & M^r Reade in whose favour I have heretofore wrote either to Your Ldp or Your Ldps Secretary. Inclosed Your Ldp will receive the Firsts of Two Setts of Exchange for the Sum of £49 4 1¼ being in part for another Tenement of 184^s in Collington Mannour as Your Ldp will see by the Account accompanying them. On the 24th of last Month M^r Dulany M^r Jordan & I went over to Kent in order to sell the Mannour in that County but no one would purchase because We could not produce Copies of the Settlements said to have been made by Your Ldps Ancestors, such Copies however were received last Week in a Letter from M^r Hamersley to M^r Jordan & are now in M^r Dulany's hands. the late Receipt of M^r Hamersley's Letter & the sitting of the Assembly has hitherto prevented our taking any Steps in Consequence thereof but we shall meet in a Day or two to consider what is to be done & I suppose immediately advertise for Sale some other of the Mannours.

I am &c.

[Sharpe to Baltimore.]

To Lord Baltimore.

the 7th Decem^r 1766.

My Lord

I am glad to have so early an Opportunity by a Vessel just ready to sail hence for London of informing Your Ldp that I last Night put an End to the Session of Assembly which had continued from the of Oct^r The two Houses having concurred in passing twenty seven Acts I have thereto on Your Ldps Behalf given my Assent & flatter Myself that when Your Ldp sees them You will approve of my doing so.