

that we had such confidence in your Excellency we had no reason to doubt of Success in the Attempt we had made under these circumstances we thought continued as we thought secure until Doct<sup>r</sup> Chandler in consequence of our Invitation came down to us at whose appearance from the General good Character he bore and the Sundry credentials he produced, we then began to form to ourselves the promising hopes of being blessed with a Teacher, as one worthy of the name of a Clergyman; the distance he resided from us and the necessity that he was under of returning in a short time laid us under obligations of determining what was to be done, we therefore signified to the Parishioners the necessity of their being collected together so that they might hear M<sup>r</sup> Chandler preach and thereby judge for themselves which accordingly was done & he preached several Sermons attended with a considerable Audience and after hearing him and being acquainted with his General good Character he appeared to have the Unanimous consent of the whole parish in his favour and their earnest desire that he should be fixed as their Teacher (we may venture to use the expression Unanimous because there was none of a contrary opinion except a few that had some lucrative views that prompt them to think he would not answer their purpose so well as some others might do) We at the same time thought it might be more Satisfactory to you to be acquainted with the Aprobation of both Vestry & Parishioners as to Doc<sup>r</sup> Chandler and for that purpose We formed the Adress delivered you by the Vestry when they with Doc<sup>r</sup> Chandler waited on you. But when the Vestry returned to the Parish with the disagreeable and unexpected disapointment in your Excellency's refusing an Induction to Doc<sup>r</sup> Chandler, the whole parish appeared struck with Surprize and filled with discontent, indeed when they came to be informed that your Excellency had declared you would not Induct M<sup>r</sup> Read, but that you would chose a Gentleman for us yourself and such a one as you were well Acquainted with and such a one as we could have no cause of exception to, this in a great measure elevated their disapointment and continued to rest not without hope of being happy in your choice, and so continued under this pleasing prospect, until they received the most disagreeable news of M<sup>r</sup> Rosses having an Induction for the Parish, an event so far from their expectation which struck the whole parish with horror & despair, and what greatly aded to heighten their resentment our parish being fully acquainted with both the Morals and Abilities of the man, he having for many years before resided in the neighbouring Parish, and they well knowing that from his Imorality and obstanancy he was become a laugh and a byword to all such as was