

Letter Bk. V nient to this Parish which he now holds If I can prevail on the Rector of either of the Parishes contiguous to this to resign & go over the Bay I will notwithstanding the Act of 1702 of which I sometime ago apprized Your Ldp offer M<sup>r</sup> Allen an Induction to such adjacent Parish also or leave it to him to make his Terms with such of the Probationers as he may desire me to induct tho I really think that such Transaction will not be long a Secret & am apprehensive the Assembly will by making a Stir about it render M<sup>r</sup> Allen uneasy. At the time M<sup>r</sup> Allen arrived I gave him an Account of the Parishes then vacant, the best of which was S<sup>t</sup> Lukes in Queen Annes County of the Annual Value of about      which I had kept vacant from the time your Ldp was pleased to give me an Intimation of your Desire to provide for M<sup>r</sup> Allen that Parish however M<sup>r</sup> Allen being averse to settling on the Eastern Shore declined accepting & signified to Me that he would prefer this tho it was of less Value wherefore in order to gratify him I immediately presented the then Rector of this Parish to S<sup>t</sup> Lukes. By the List of the Parishes Your Lordship will see there are some in Baltimore Prince Georges & Frederick Counties that are of considerable Value, the Rectors of those called S<sup>t</sup> Johns in Baltimore & Queen Anne's in Prince Georges are old & infirm & M<sup>r</sup> Bacon too who has the best in the Province is now advanced in years & declining so that in all probability one or other of the most desirable Livings will e'er long become vacant, & the Moment either of them falls I will make him an Offer of it & if in the mean time One of the Rectors in the contiguous Parishes can be removed I will as I have already told Your Lordship either give M<sup>r</sup> Allen an Induction thereto or leave it to him to recommend a Successor & make Terms with him which is all I can do, tho He may perhaps think otherwise for I have observed that Gentlem<sup>n</sup> on their first Arrival here are apt to think a Governor might do whatever he pleases. I can truly say I have from his first Arrival been studious out of respect to Your Ldp's Recommendation to do M<sup>r</sup> Allen every kind Office in my power & to make this place agreeable to him but from some Hints he has dropt I am apprehensive he is a little disappointed in his Expectations. Col<sup>o</sup> Lloyd having lately signified to us that he is now as well prepared as he can be to make a final Settlement of his Agents Accounts we have desired him to attend here for that purpose the Beginning of September when M<sup>r</sup> Dulany will return hither from his Summer's Residence & M<sup>r</sup> Jordan be more at leisure than at present to give Attention to that Business.

M<sup>r</sup> Charles Goldsborough the late Commissary General having died about the Middle of last Month I have at the