

by Writers of the Best Authority and by Presedents, not to exclude the Kings Power of dispensing of his Royal Prerogative, I cannot see how the Restriction clause *no other* in the Act of Assembly can possibly have such an operation.

Whilst the Power of dispensing rested in the Pope the number of Benefices Tenable by Virtue thereof was not limited, but by the Statute it was restrained To two or three at the most.

“All Spiritual Men being of the Kings Council may purchase Licence and Dispensation to take receive and keep three Parsonages or Benefices with Cure of Souls and other Chaplains of the King, not of his Council and Likewise the Chaplains of Princes and Peers of the Realm. Brethren or Sons of Peers or Knights may all or every of them Purchase Licence and Dispensation and Receive and Take and keep two Parsonages or Benefices with Cure of Souls.

The Conditions on which Dispensations may be obtained are further Regulated by 4 Canon 41 in the following Manner.

“No Licence or Dispensation for the Keeping more Benefices than one shall be granted to any but such only as shall be Thought very well worthy for his Learning, and very well able and Sufficient to discharge his duty, that is, shall have taken the Degree of Master of Arts at the Least at one of the Universities of this Realm and be a public and Sufficient Preacher licensed: Provided always that he be by good and Sufficient Caution bound to make his personal Residence in each of his said Benefices for some Reasonable time in every year, and that the said Benefices be not more than thirty Miles distant asunder, and Lastly that he have under him in the Benefice where he doth not Reside a preacher Lawfully allow'd that is able Sufficiently to teach and Instruct the people.

And all these Particulars are specified in the Body of the Dispensation. Such being the Canon and Statute Laws Relating to Pluralities Conformable to which the Church of England has Acted, and as I have shown before the Church in Maryland from the nature of its very Existence necessarily must regulate Itself, It remains to enquire in whose hands The Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction within this Province is vested.

The ingenious Defender of Lord Baltimore's Right to Tonnage &c will Help to elucidate this Point, in his Discussion of the Question. Whether Lord Baltimore may properly be Considered as Successor to Queen Ann in Respect of Government, who says, when a Duty was Laid for the Support of