

to add it) that The Church in Maryland must necessarily from the very nature of its Existence be subject to and govern'd by the Ecclesiastical Laws of the Church of England, that these Laws are expressly declared to be in Force by Several Acts of Assembly, that my Lords Supremacy over the Church in Maryland is even unquestioned in and far out of the Reach of Any Act of Assembly.

That his Lordships Presentation as supreme Ordinary to Plurality of Livings implies a Dispensation under the Statute of H. 8. and includes in it the Conditions implied in the 41st Canon. That is, that the Clerk be his Lordships Chaplain, Master of Arts in some University, that he keeps a Curate where he does not chiefly reside and that the Livings be not above 30 Miles distant. These Qualifications are fulfilled in my Case. his Lordship Constituted me his Domestic Chaplain before I left London, I am Master of Arts in Oxford, am ready to comply with other Terms of keeping a Resident Curate. The Distance between the Boundaries of the Parishes is not above five or Six miles, and between the Churches less than Between the different Places of Worship, often times in the same Parish. I flatter myself that no Scruple can possibly arise to prevent your Excellency Ordering a Letter of Induction to be made out for me. But I submit Myself notwithstanding intirely to your Excellency's Directions, and the Advice you honor me with in this Case will be to me a Law. Had I understood the Laws as well as my Lord did when he wrote and as well as M^r Hammersly did when he advised those Instructions to be sent in, I should Have saved myself an infinite Deal of Trouble & Vexation. I took up a Vulgar Error, I thought the Consent of Vestries necessary and acted Accordingly. I found on Examination it was only a temporary Expedient calculated for the Infancy of a Country & not designed to Infringe or invalidate the Proprietarys Rights as Supreme Ordinary over the established Church. I wish the thing had never for his Lordships Honor and my own Been agitated on this unworthy Footing. But popular Prejudices are Designed as dust to blind the eyes of every Stranger. Whatever Favors I may receive by my Lords Directions, thro your Excellencys Hands I shall consider as Laying me under a double obligation, and as I never shall be wanting in Gratitude to his Lordships Goodness so shall I never be wanting in the Respect due to your Excellencys Rank, Station, and Character.

I am with the highest Consideration
 Sir, Your Excellency's most obliged and most devoted
 Humble Servant
 Bennet Allen.