

court is the 8th so that there is time enough. And if it should be said that the vestry here refus'd me this consent, I beg you would not believe it. there were but 3 present. the law requires a majority of 3. So I did not put it to the vote.

[Sharpe to Allen.]

Letter Bk. III

To the Rev^d M^r Bennet Allen.

Nov. 26. 1767.

Sir

The Contents of the Lett^r you were pleased to send me last night give me perhaps as much Concern as some of the Matters therein mentioned appear to have given to yourself. Since you are notwithstanding the objection made to your proposal by some of the Vestry of this Parish desirous to continue on your present Footing both here & in S^t James's You may depend I shall make no Alteration till I can be favoured with farther Instructions from His Lordship which as I have before intimated will be a Law to me but at the same time I am very apprehensive that M^r Worthington M^r Johnson or some other Assembly Man of the Same Way of thinking with them will at the next Session make a Stir about the Affair & perhaps have Influence enough to get some Resolves passt in the Lower House that may have Weight with a Jury in case your Claim to the Thirty p poll in both Parishes should come into question & be calculated to bring an odium not only on you & Myself but on His Lordship also. As you seem to lay your Disappointment almost entirely at M^r Dulany's Door I will the first opportunity speak to him on the Subject, tho I don't suppose any thing I shall say will make him change his Sentiments, but could you obtain his Brothers opinion in favour of your Scheme it would probably have much more Weight with him than that of any other Gentleman of the Law you could advise with & if I remember you told me when you ask't for the Letter of Lycence that you had previously advised with M^r Dulany. With regard to your Request for an Appointment to some Office in His Lordship's Revenue I can only say that if the Gentleman who has at present the Management & Care thereof should resign very soon I shall not take upon me to appoint another Agent without consulting the other Commissioners who have been empowered together with me to examine & settle the Agents Accounts to this time but it is I think likely that His Ldp will on Receipt of our Report Himself nominate a Successor or Successors to Col^o Lloyd. I advise you therefore to make Application to His Lordship himself & if in Consequence thereof He is pleased to constitute you either Agent or Keeper of the Rent-Roll I shall for