

Letter Bk. III

my part be entirely satisfied tho I did indeed promise to recommend in case of a Vacancy another Gentleman. I shall agreeable to your Desire avoid determining the Contest about the Inspector in S<sup>t</sup> James's till I return from Baltimore & wishing the Indisposition that confines you at present to your Chamber may be of short Continuance

I am Sir

Y<sup>r</sup> very humb. Serv<sup>t</sup>

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Letter Bk. V

[Sharpe to Hamersley.]

Copy of Letter to M<sup>r</sup> Hamersley. Annapolis 27<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup>  
1767 transmitted by Capt Davies.  
D<sup>r</sup> S<sup>r</sup>

It gives me great Uneasiness to have such an Occasion as I have at present to trouble you with another Letter so soon after that I addressed to you the 25<sup>th</sup> Inst but a Disappointment M<sup>r</sup> Allen met with at a Vestry held in this Parish the 24<sup>th</sup> (of which I had received no Intimation till he informed me of it by the inclosed Letter) having as he told me this morning determined him to write to you on the Subject, I cannot let the Ship sail without writing to you also. Since I saw M<sup>r</sup> Allen M<sup>r</sup> Walt<sup>r</sup> Dulany has been likewise with me & on my giving him an Intimation of the Information I had received he assured me that Whatever Arguments he might have urged to dissuade M<sup>r</sup> Allen from Applying to the Vestry of this Parish for their Consent to his holding this Living together with that of S<sup>t</sup> James's he is confident nothing could have dropt from him reflecting in any manner whatever on His Ldp or derogating in the least from His Prerogative, & that when he found M<sup>r</sup> Allen was at all Events resolved to bring the Matter before the Vestry & at once as he apprehended oblige them to say Yes or No he was so far from endeavouring to prejudice M<sup>r</sup> Worthington or any other Vestryman against the Proposal that he never spoke to any of them tho he acknowledges that he is himself of Opinion the Two Parishes cannot be legally held by one Rector. All the Conversation they had on the Subject was it seems at M<sup>r</sup> Dulany's House previous to the Vestry's Meeting at which he declined attending & he seemed much surprized that I had been apprized of it, tho if M<sup>r</sup> Allen had not wrote to Me I must I find have soon heard of it. Notwithstanding what has passed & the Obstinacy of M<sup>r</sup> Worthington whose Influence in the Lower House as well as that of M<sup>r</sup> Johnson is very great I find M<sup>r</sup> Allen is fully persuaded he shall by some means or other be able to carry his Point & that the Assembly will never trouble themselves about the Matter while I for my