

Letter Bk. V for England the latter End of next Month. We have at last finished with Col^o Lloyd at least so far as was possible there being still many Outstanding Debts to be collected & in order that he may collect them himself It was our opinion that he had better continue in the Agency till next Michaelmas before which time Your Ldp will be pleased to send a Commission & full powers to such Gentleman as you may think proper to be entrusted from that time with the management of Your Ldps Revenue arising in this Province. Having in a Letter I wrote to M^r Hamersley the Beginning of January desired him to lay before Your Ldp a Copy of the last Minutes of the Proceedings of the Commissioners impowered to run the Boundary Lines by which Your Ldp would see that the Surveyors having extended the East & West Line as far as the Indians would permit were discharged I shall not trouble Your Lordship with anything more on that Subject but must apprise Your Lordship of an Affair that has given me a good Deal of Concern & which I am afraid will cause here great Uneasiness. In the Letter which I did myself the honour to address to Your Ldp the 29th of Oct^r last I informed Your Ldp that in pursuance of Your Ldps pleasure signified to Me in favour of the Rev^d M^r Allen & at his own Request I had upon the Decease of the late Rector of S^t James's Parish in this County granted a Lycence to M^r Allen to officiate in the said Parish he continuing at the same time Rector of this, whereupon he applied to the Vestry of that Parish for their Consent to his holding both Parishes & some of them at least agreed to his Request tho upon Condition that he should afterwards sign such Articles as they may propose. Upon his sounding afterwards the Vestry of S^t Annes he found those that were present so averse to the Scheme that he declined putting it to the question. Previous to the Vestry's Meeting M^r Allen had it seems talk't on the Subject to M^r Walter Dulany who was one of them & as the latter had then said he did not think the two Vestries were impowered by the Act of 1702 to do what was desired of them & dissuaded M^r Allen from proposing it M^r Allen immediately attributed his Miscarriage entirely to M^r Dulany & thereupon wrote me the Letter which I transmitted the 27 of Nov^r by a Ship that was just about to sail at the time I received it. As the Vestry however had not made any formal Objection to M^r Allens officiating as a Curate in S^t James's while he continued Rector of S^t Annes he engaged the Rev^d M^r Edmiston on whose behalf Your Ldp lately wrote to Me at the Request of Lady Essex to assist him in the Discharge of his Duty in the two Parishes & I heard no more about the matter till we were attending the Sale of the Mannours in S^t Marys County when