

Person then attainted was Rob^t Talbot of Hexham, & not James Talbot of Carukil Ireland, under whom they Claim. I find by some Papers lately come into my hands, That the Title was Tryed in yo^r Provincial Court in 1752; & upon a Bill of Exceptions, Appealed to the Lord Proprietary, but I believe nothing further was done in it. However I am glad to find the Possession is so Strongly with us, and that we have the Assistance of M^r Tasker who seems to have managed the Business in 1752. The Enclosed, is I believe, a State of the Devises Case, as Sent over to their Attorney in Maryland.

His Lordship takes kindly the different appointments of M^r Rob^t Harrison & M^r Dan^l Charnier to their respective Sherievaltys; & he now recommends very strongly to you M^r Hackman, who is soon going out from hence, for the like Office, or for a County Clerkship or any thing of the same sort either in your or M^r Dulany's Department or in that of the Agent in case of a Vacancy but of this I shall write further by the Gentⁿ himself.

I have Laid before his Lordship the different Letters received from yo^r Excellency, M^r Walter Dulany, & M^r Allen relative to the succession of the latter to S^t James's Parish, and it gives him great uneasiness to find the difficulty M^r Allen has to Encounter with, and the little stead all his Lordships Countenance Stands him in. His Lordship can never Agree in construing the Adjective "Adjacent" in the Limited sense contended for, against the very Spirit of the Law; and, as to the Vestrys he can only regret the Loss of that Power which is already got into their hands, and desires it may be Remembred as a Warning never to Encrease it, either by Splitting Parishes, or in any other Mode the least derogatory of his just rights. He has been advised to Exercise his prerogative in Granting M^r Allen a Dispensation to hold the Two Livings, but rather wishes to see the business Accomodated in an easier way, and not to push things to extremitys, when he has the remedy in his own hands. That remedy is a Secular Employ, w^{ch} his Lordship requires and expects M^r Allen be immediately put in possession of, and, If none more proper offers, that he be Appointed to the Office of Rent Roll Keeper when Vacant. A Similitude in their Studys has much endeared him to his Lordship. Nor will he be Solliciting or Quibbling with Vestrys to Provide for the Man he regards, when he has it in his own Power to do it, by by adding a Civil Office to the Church M^r Allen already holds; He means to Provide for M^r Allen as his Friend, and to put him upon a footing of Independance, and that is the length his Lordship means to take him, & desires it may be so understood, without Entring into further Particulars.