

in America was sometime ago recommended to Me in a particular manner by General Gage & other Gentlemen of Rank in the Army whereupon I appointed him to officiate in Worcester Parish which soon afterwards became vacant & I have understood that the People there were well pleased with his Behaviour. Imagining that a Clergyman of his Character who had made several Campaigns & distinguish't himself by his Fortitude would not be frightened by a few Threats I have taken the liberty & flatter Myself your Ldp will excuse me for doing so to induct him into Coventry without waiting for your Ldps special order for I thought the delaying at all to exercise the Right of Patronage after the Parishioners had set up such a Claim or Pretence might seem to countenance it. M<sup>r</sup> Hughs being desirous if possible to be in harmony with his Parishioners obtained it seems an opinion of M<sup>r</sup> Dulany's on the matter for the Vestry's & Parishioners perusal imagining it would have great Weight with some among them who were said to be most violent & as I have not heard any thing to the Contray I presume he has taken peaceable possession of the Parish. Before I quit this Subject of Parishes I must take the liberty to advise your Ldp of some Publications here that have given me a great Deal of Concern & will I am apprehensive give also some Uneasiness to your Ldp. As I presume M<sup>r</sup> Allen & probably M<sup>r</sup> Dulany likewise has given your Ldp or M<sup>r</sup> Hamersley an Account of what pass't between them at the time the former press't the latter to assist him in getting the Vestry of this Parish to agree to his holding the two Parishes I shall not trouble your Ldp with what has been said here of their Interview or Conversation; M<sup>r</sup> Allen it seems shortly afterwards endeavoured to persuade the Rest of the Vestry that M<sup>r</sup> Dulany by becoming One of the Council was disqualified from being a Vestryman, but was so far from bringing them over to his Opinion that the Attempt prejudiced them against him. Soon afterwards a Paper appeared in the Gazette signed a Bystander calculated to inculcate the same Doctrine & therefore M<sup>r</sup> Allen was considered as the Author of it. This having as it were opened the Door of Controversy another Publication soon followed under the Title of the Querist evidently designed to stir up Enemies to M<sup>r</sup> Allen in both Parishes & to prevent his receiving the Income of either; which it seems he immediately attributed to M<sup>r</sup> Dulany tho the general Opinion gave it to another Person, but I cannot find that any one has yet thought proper to declare himself the Author. As I shall transmit these & the several subsequent Papers of Altercation for your Ldps perusal in case you should think them worthy notice I shall only observe here that the Dispute soon degenerated into Invective & personal