

Walter Dulany gave it as his opinion to him that S^t James's ^{Letter Bk. V} Parish was not legally tenable with this laid his Miscarriage at M^r Dulany's Door, & as the Intimacy which had before subsisted between M^r D Dulany & him was now at an End, M^r Allen it seems concluded that One or other of the Brothers had been Author of the Queries tho with respect to that the general Opinion seem'd to be against him. Since that time hardly a Week has pass't without producing a Piece or two either in Prose or Verse on one Side or the other in which the Writers abuse each other very freely as you will see if you think it worth while to look into the Bundle of Papers that I shall herewith send you. Had M^r Allen thought proper to ask my opinion before he published any thing on the Subject I should certainly have advised him against such a Measure & am persuaded he must now wish the first Piece had never gone to the Press, for tho he should succeed so far as to bring His Ldps Resentment on those he considers as his Adversaries he cannot again stand in so favourable a light here as if Nothing had been published against him & cannot therefore I think be again so happy as he seemed to be for some time after his Arrival. After M^r Allen found the Consent of both Vestries could not be obtained he wrote a long Piece by Way of a Letter to prove that the Statute of Henry the 8th & the Canon Law must extend to & have their full Effect in this Province as well as in England, that His Ldp of course is vested with the same Powers & prerogatives in all Ecclesiastical Matters here as the King is within the Realm & consequently is not restrained by that part of the Act of Assembly which was made against Pluralities. As I was convinced on a perusal of this Piece that some particular Parts of it would in case of its being published raise a loud Clamour, & was ignorant how far His Ldp might choose to support the Doctrine contained therein, I desired M^r Allen to forbear printing it till it could be submitted to His Ldps & your Consideration, & as he soon afterwards desired me to return the Letter & I have not heard any thing of it since I presume he has followed my Advice & sent you a Copy or at least the Substance of it. Should His Ldp upon Considering the Arguments therein advanced by M^r Allen be convinced & choose to exercise the Prerogative there will always be an Opportunity of doing so, as not a year passes without some Parish's becoming vacant but in the mean time in Consequence of what you told me in your Letter of the 10th of Nov^r & in order if possible to let the Matter dye away before the Meeting of the Assembly I have on M^r Allens having made Choice of S^t James's inducted into this Parish a M^r Edmiston whom His Ldp by a Letter he favoured me with in April last directed