

let the Law dispose of the Income, & I really at present think it would be paying the People too great a Complim^t to consent to the Division immediately but Your Excellency understands the genius & Temper of the People better than I. I have the honour to be Sir Your Excellencys most oblig'd
& obed^t humble Serv^t

B Allen

Frederick Town

June 6th 1768.

[Sharpe to Hamersley.]

Letter Bk. V

Copy of Letter to M^r Hamersley. Dated Annapolis 15th
June 1768 Transmitted by Captain Purdye
D^r Sir

Being told that there is a Ship at the Mouth of Choptank ready to sail for London I embrace the Opportunity to inform you that I had a few Days ago the satisfaction to receive from Philadelphia the few Lines you were so kind as to write to me the 27 of March advising me of an Event of which I was not the less anxious to hear for being confident that it would come to pass & I flatter myself that I shall by the next Opportunity be assured by you that the Uneasiness this Affair must have given His Ldp is entirely at an End & that he is again tranquil & happy. Lest a Letter I wrote to you the 27th of last Month should not have been put on board the Vessel by which I intended it should be transmitted I now inclose you a Duplicate by which you will see that immediately on the Death of M^r Bacon Rector of All Saints Parish in Frederick County I gave M^r Allen an Induction to that Parish whereupon he set off immediately to take Possession but by a Letter I have since received from him which I likewise transmit you I find the People there solicitous to have the Parish divided violently opposed his taking possession of the Church & obliged him to quit it before he could go thro the Service he had begun to perform. As he has wrote in such a hurry & Agitation & I have not been yet able to get more particular & certain Information of the Vestry's & People's proceedings I cannot pretend to give you any farther Intelligence at present but you may depend on my Communicating to you my Sentiments as soon as possible after I shall be able to learn more of the matter & in the mean time shall advise M^r Allen on his Return hither to take such Steps as shall appear to me to be most likely to remove the strong Prejudices those People have taken up against him. The Members of the Lower House have not that I can learn taken any Notice as yet of the question about Pluralities but have it in Contemplation to frame a