

here endeavoured to gratify his wishes & gone greater lengths to serve him than I would have gone to oblige the most dear Friend of my own, if therefore I am supposed to have paid too little Regard to His Ldps Recommendation of him I have indeed been very unlucky & doubt not but it will appear on Enquiry that I have rather run into the other Extreme, & I solemnly declare to you that if I had been circumstanced & recommended as M^r Allen was when he came hither I would not have made the Points he has done but have been content with an Income of £300 stg a year till a better Parish should have fallen, & I wish he may not in the End be a Loser by pursuing different Measures as well as create Enemies to himself & His Ldp's Govern^t. The Inhabitants of St James's are I understand determined to oppose his Receipt of the Thirty p^r poll & to bring the question before a Jury & the Inhabitants of All Saints will probably follow the Example unless he will produce to the Vestry his Induction & officiate there in Person, I wish therefore you would consider what Steps are to be taken in case the Juries should bring in general Verdicts against him or against the Sheriffs should they pay him for as the Cause will be made a popular one & prejudices are already raised against M^r Allen there is no knowing how far the passions of a Jury may carry them. As the Value of the Commissarys Office & of most of the other Offices depends on the price of Tob^o it is impossible for any person but the Possessor to ascertain it precisely but as Tob^o now sells very high I apprehend it must be worth at least £500 stg clear, & the Income arising from the Secretarys Office is I suppose more considerable otherwise those Gentlemen who enjoyed it before M^r Dulany would not have so readily paid out of it £200 a year which it was once in M^r Calverts power to have increased; If His Ldp or you should be of Opinion that those two Offices & the other Offices held by others of the Family are too much to have fallen to their share I beg it might be remembered that I long ago particularly in 1761 & 1762 desired the possible Consequences of throwing too much power into the hands of one Family might be considered & that the Preference given them afterwards on several Occasions pointed out to Me as it were whom His Ldp chose to distinguish & indeed the particular Respect shewn to M^r D. Dulany by M^r Jordan while he staid here & by M^r Allen till the Rupture in Novem^r was enough to deter me from conferring the Commissary's Office on any other Person than him who now possesses it & who indeed was the only Person that you ever mentioned as recommended to succeed M^r Goldsborough after you were advised of that Gentleman's being in a declining State of Health. That I may not commit