

“ There being some Livings on the Eastern Shore of considerable Value vacant at the time M^r Allen arrived here I immediately offered him his Choice of them but tho one of them was worth £230 stg a year he signified to Me that it would be much more agreeable to him to be inducted into this Parish which does not at most exceed £180 if I could vacate it by the Removal of the then Rector which therefore I immediately did so that M^r Allen will continue to reside in this Place until some more valuable Parish on this side the Bay becomes vacant, which will I expect be the Case very shortly. It being Enacted by a Law pass't here in 1702 that no Minister or Incumbent shall at one time hold more than two Parishes nor Two unless by the Desire or Agreement of the Vestry of the said adjacent Parish & Consent of the Vestry where he resides (which Consent None of the Vestries choose to give) M^r Allen cannot in its full extent receive the Benefit of Your Ldp's Instruction in his favour but your Ldp may be assured that the Regard you express for that Gentleman will make me ready & desirous to oblige him on every Occasion ” In a Letter I received from you some time afterwards without Date you said “ His Ldp is very well pleased with the Promotion of M^r Allen to the Living of Annapolis as he has a particular Regard for that Gentleman whom you will find very deserving of it both from His natural & acquired Qualifications. His Ldp desires some further Notice may be taken of him by presenting him at the first Opportunity to some other Preferment tenable with & convenient to what he now holds, to answer in some degree the Attention His Ldp bears him ” & again in your Letter of the 20th of July 1767 you said “ His Ldp was well pleased I had inducted M^r Allen into this Parish, he seems (added you) to have chose it for fear of being rusticated but does not appear very well contented with it, I wish some means might be found to help him to a better Income, & if Difficulties arise in the Church you are desired to consider whether there may not be some Civil Employment which he can properly execute together with his Ecclesiastical Function.”

M^r Allen acquainted with what His Lordship had wrote to me relative to his holding Two Livings seem'd to think I used him ill in not presenting him to Two immediately on his Arrival, in order to make him easy till a better Living on this Side the Bay should become vacant or till I could receive farther Orders from His Ldp in Consequence of what I had mentioned to him with respect to the Provisoe against Pluralities I told M^r Allen that if an Addition of £50 stg a year to the Income of S^t Annes would satisfy him till he could be better provided for it should be paid him (intending to pay it