

Letter Bk. V out of my own Pocket for the sake of preserving Peace in the Province) but he signified to me that such a Sum would by no means do & again insisted on having Two Parishes agreeable to the Tenor of His Ldp's Letter. When by the Death of M<sup>r</sup> Adams the Parish called S<sup>t</sup> James's of the Annual Value of about £300 stg became vacant I so far carried His Ldp's Instructions into execution as to give M<sup>r</sup> Allen such an Appointment to it as I had usually given to Ministers whom I was not at liberty to induct so that continuing still Rector of S<sup>t</sup> Annes he might officiate in both Parishes & have an Opportunity of recommending himself to the Parishioners & of making an Interest with the Vestries without whose Consent he would not as I apprehended be able to receive the Income of both Parishes. On this Footing he remained for some time but finding upon Tryal that One of the Vestries at least would not come into his measures he took the Resolution to hold them both without their Consent alledging that "His Ldp by a Letter dated in Feb<sup>y</sup> 1767 had presented him to any Living he might choose together with the Living of S<sup>t</sup> Anne's of which he was then possess't. This (said he) is a good Presentation & upon this I found a Title, it exactly corresponds with a Writ of Beneficio primo Ecclesiastico habendo directed by the King to the Lord Chancellor to bestow the Benefice that shall first fall in the King's Gift on a particular Person & the Chancellor's Refusal would be a Contempt." He quoted to me also another Letter of His Ldps dated the 14<sup>th</sup> of May 1767 viz "I shall be glad to be informed from you of your having been inducted in another Living as I directed the Governor to hold jointly with that of Annapolis where I would have you reside" Apprehensive as I was that the Measure would raise a Clamour & that M<sup>r</sup> Allen would not be permitted to receive the Income of the two Parishes I did not think myself any longer at liberty to exercise my own Judgment as I informed you by my Letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> of Feb<sup>y</sup> 1768 when I thus wrote to you "I now transmit a Letter to His Ldp advising him of an unlucky Affair that happened lately between the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Allen & M<sup>r</sup> Chew a Vestryman of S<sup>t</sup> James's Parish to which I have now at M<sup>r</sup> Allens Request given him an Induction & he thinks he shall in spite of all opposition be able to keep possession of both That & This, & seems determined to try his Title at Law in case either of the Vestries should contest it, which I am for my part very apprehensive they will, the Cause being already become a very Popular One. M<sup>r</sup> Allen tells me he is satisfied that both His Ldp & you were before he left England not only apprized of the Provisoe in the Act of 1702 against Pluralities, but that you had well considered it, & were clearly of opinion it could