

never operate so as to restrain His Ldp's Right under the Charter & the Canon Law to bestow on his Chaplain more than one Living; nevertheless I could have wisht he would have been satisfied to remain as he was until I could be favoured with His Ldps farther Instructions" Letter Bk. V

A few Days after I had transmitted this Letter I received yours dated the 10th of Nov^r 1767 in which you said "His Ldp is much concerned to find no further Advance has been made in settling M^r Allen to his entire satisfaction & in a manner sufficiently expressive of His Ldps great Friendship & Regard for him. By no means would His Ldp involve you or himself in any Disputes about Pluralities but if M^r Allen can proceed no further in his Ecclesiastical Walk he must strike into some other Path & a Civil Employment must be found for him not inconsistent with his Function for abundant Precedents are to be found in the Colonies & Islands where Lay-Offices have been held by Ecclesiasticks, & I think M^r Sterling a Clergyman was once Collector of the Customs in Maryland. His Ldp had destined him to the Commissary's Office, or a part of it, as it has been some times occupied by two Persons jointly, or to the Place of Naval Officer of Potuxent, till the Receipt of your Excellency's Letter mentioning the Disposition you had made of those two Offices. The Impropriety of the Receiver's holding the Keepership of the Rent Roll (which was intended as a Constitutional Check upon him) has now turned His Ldp's Eyes to that Employment, & to that or any other now vacant or which may become so either in Consequence of any Resignation of M^r Lloyd or of any new Regulations to be proposed by the Commissioners or by any other Accident His Ldp desires & expects M^r Allen may be immediately promoted, & the better it is & the sooner it reaches him, His Ldp will be the better pleased, for he has very much & deservedly engaged His Ldps Attention & Regard. in perusing Bacons Edition of the Laws I observe there is an Act of Assembly made in 1704 for the Advancement of Natives & Residents which incapacitates any person from holding an Office without a previous three years Residence, but with an Exception of Commissions flowing immediately from Her Majesty Her Heirs & Successors: The Government was at this time in the Crown, & I take it to be now settled that the Ld Proprietary is to be considered in Loco Regis in all the Acts where the Crown is named, & consequently the Exception will apply to the Grants to be made by His Ldp as it did to those of the Crown. His Ldp has therefore executed an immediate Commission under his own hand & Seal in favour of M^r Allen leaving the particular Employ in blank to be filled up by your Excellency as soon as it arrives