

another Letter says I should have gone farther than I have already done by which words it is reasonably presumed that he would have fill'd up the Commission with the Agency at home, if he had not left it open in Compliment to your Excellency; he says M^r Allen was destined to the Commissarys Office but that as well as the Naval Officer's Place was given up to His Excellency's nomination. My Lord says the Instructions sent into the Governor will make you immediately happy & proceeds with Assurances that he could not ask too much." In a Letter I had address't to you the 27th of Nov^r 1767 soon after I had given M^r Allen an Appointment to S^t James's Parish I had thus expresst Myself "In case His Ldp should appoint M^r Allen to either of those Employments (viz the Office of Agent or of Rent Roll Keeper) or to any other Civil Office Be so kind as to intimate to Me whether he is still to remain on the same Footing as at present with regard to the two Livings & whether in case a better than either should become vacant it is His Ldps pleasure that he should hold That together with this for I am really at a loss what to do, nor do I know what Lengths M^r Allen may desire me to go in order to serve him to the Extent of His Ldps favourable Intention" About the time that the Agents Commission was delivered to M^r Allen you were pleased to write to me as follows "I have laid before His Ldp the different Letters received from your Excellency M^r Walter Dulany & M^r Allen relative to the Succession of the latter to S^t James's Parish & it gives him great Uneasiness to find the Difficulties M^r Allen has to encounter with & the little stead all His Ldp's Countenance stands him in. His Ldp can never agree in Construing the Adjective *adjacent* in the limited Sense contended for against the very Spirit of the Law, & as to the Vestries he can only regret the Loss of that power which is already got into their hands & desires it may be remembered as a Warning never to encrease it either by splitting Parishes or in any other Mode the least derogatory of his just Rights. he has been advised to exercise his Prerogative in granting M^r Allen a Dispensation to hold the Two Livings, but rather wishes to see the Business accomodated in an easier Way & not to push things to extremities when he has the Remedy in his own hands. That Remedy is a Secular Employ which His Ldp requires & expects M^r Allen be immediately put in possession of, & if none more proper offers that he be appointed to the Office of Rent Roll Keeper when vacant. A Similitude in their Studies has much endeared him to His Ldp, nor will he be solliciting or quibling with Vestries to provide for the Man he regards when he has it in his own power to do it by adding a Civil Office to the Church M^r Allen already holds; he means to provide