

of which I doubt not he sent you a Copy, about the same time a Piece was published here against him at the Request as twas said of One of the Parishioners giving a different Account from what he had done of the Riot at Frederick Town & laying the whole Blame at his own Door, to this he replied in the Pennsylvania Chronicle & expressly accused M^r Dulany of exciting the Mob against him but when on his Return hither I intimated to him that if he could prove that Fact I thought he should do so before Me & the Council in order that proper Cognizance might be taken thereof he waved the Matter & declined acknowledging himself the Author of the Piece in question. In Consequence of his Replication a M^r Clapham & M^r Dakein a School Master here have since entered the Lists & I dont think it very unlikely that the Rev^d M^r Love & M^r Edmiston with whom in his Appeal M^r Allen has made very free will think themselves also obliged in their own Defence to take up the Pen against him. He is now gone again to Frederick with a View of making up Matters with the Vestry & I have reason to think he will not be altogether unsuccessful. Had my Advice or Opinion weighd at all with him when he was a Stranger in the Province he would never have run himself into the Difficulties he has since experienced but he then seem'd to shun me, to suspect my good Inclinations to serve him because I did not at once go into his measures, & to be confident that he could carry his point in spite of all Opposition that could possibly be made to the Scheme he had adopted. If any Credit is to be given to him it was not so much M^r Dulany's giving him free Access to his Study & not locking up Burn from him that made M^r Allen press me so earnestly to take a Step I apprehended would be productive of Mischief, as an opinion that the Measure on the most mature Consideration had been expressly recommended by both His Ldp & yourself; had not M^r Allen push't for the Commissary's Office nor M^r W Dulany been a Vestryman, the closest Intimacy would probably have still subsisted between the Brother & M^r Allen but it is far from being clear to me that there would have been then no Clamour about Pluralities or some other Matter or to use an Expression M^r Jordan dropt that the Train which had been laid would not have been set fire to in some other manner. You would see by my Letter of the 27th of May that I was apprized of my having Enemies & was aware of the Impossibility of pleasing every Body where the Candidates or Competitors for the first place in his Ldp's Favour & Friendship were so numerous, I therefore at the time I advised you of what I apprehended was in Contemplation wrote also to my Brother Phill to the same purport & added "I have reason to think that at present I