

Lib. C. B. other Character than that he gives Whitaker, from which
 No. 20 Consideration, we think it may be granted, we ought not to
 be Condemned for expecting Our Case nothing better by the
 Change, and especially when yourself will reflect on the
 Method by which you came, and your Conduct since you have
 been among us, we hardly suppose, if you expected your Liv-
 ing depended on the Will of the Parishioners, that you would
 have manifested your desire for the Salvation of their Souls,
 in the ways you have taken by such wrestings and violence,
 even to the bearing of Swords and Pistols.

Now Sir, we shall give you some answer in respect of M^r
 Dulany's Opinion. He observes Whitaker's Case with our
 Parish. We grant that on a Presentment, made by a Jury, and
 on Motion made for to file an Information, Whitaker was dis-
 charged, yet we apprehend the Merits of Our Dispute were
 not, nor could not be determined on that Motion, and of
 Course can have no weight in the present dispute. He says,
 that he hath been informed that the Vestry claim the Right
 of Patronage, contending that the Church was founded at the
 expence of the Parishioners, and endowed in the same manner,
 and that the Vestry, as their Representatives, are therefore
 their Patrons. He agrees that it occurs in many treatises on
 the Common Law &c. but that he cannot conceive how the
 Vestry can Support their Pretensions, he then has relation to
 the Charter of the Province, thereby to Shew that all Patron-
 ages and Advowsons were granted to the Lord Baltimore, and
 so continues to shew the Right and Propriety of Induction, in
 the manner you contend, from the Words of the Act of As-
 sembly of this Province; how far the Proprietor's Charter will
 abrogate and destroy the Constitution of the Church, as es-
 tablished on the Construction of his Grant, or what Dispensa-
 tion has been obtained, so that the Canon Law, in One of the
 most essential Points, is become a Nullity, may be a dispute of
 another day. The Words of the Act of Assembly we have con-
 sidered in their full View, and, expect we have considered the
 same in their utmost extent, Yet Pardon us if we tell you there
 p. 16 are many things essential and necessary to be obtained before
 the Act of Assembly can have the Construction you contend
 for. Could we hope that, in Case we were to give you Our
 Sentiments freely and fully upon this Subject and our several
 Authorities on which we found our Opinions, that it would
 answer any good purpose, we would not be Sparing of the
 trouble, nor are we doubtful of the force or Efficacy of the
 Cases on which we depend, But as we apprehend the Salary
 which Our Parish Yields has more influence than any matter
 that could be advanced by Us, and from your Expressions and