

Lib. C. B. this Honourable Board, on Wednesday the 26th of this Instant,
No. 20 and that the Clerk acquaint the Parties thereof that they may attend if they please, or produce before that time what further Evidence they may think necessary.

His Excellency having been pleased to lay before this Board a paper Signed B: A, Published in the Pennsylvania Chronicle N^o 87 in which are the following Words Viz. Yet this is the Man, who, in the Possession of an honourable and lucrative Office of £1500 a year, insults his Noble and generous Benefactor by his words, defies him by his Actions, and wrests the Government of the Province out of his Hands by the fury of a Mob. But if Vestries assume to themselves illegal Powers, and Arbitrary Privileges, it is the duty of Lord Baltimore's great Officers of State to see that the Laws be duly executed, and his Prerogative kept inviolate; and the Security of his Prerogative will be the Security of my Property. And likewise Communicated the following Letters to and from the Reverend M^r Bennett Allen.

Sir 26th September 1768.

I shall desire the Members of the Council, who live at a distance, to meet here the 10th of next Month, and shall think it incumbent on Me when they are here, to take Notice of the Piece lately Published in the Pennsylvania Chronicle, and republished in the last Maryland Gazette, in which M^r Walter Dulany, as I apprehend, or some Person that enjoys an Honourable and lucrative Office in this Government, is positively accused of raising the Mob in Frederick Town, at the time you went thither to take Possession of All Saints Parish. If you can undertake to prove that Fact, and what else is asserted or Suggested in that Piece relative to the Conduct of the Person accused, it would, I think, be well for you to do so on that Occasion, that his Behaviour might be properly certified to the Lord Proprietary.

To the Reverend M^r Bennett Allen.

I am &c
Hor. Sharpe

Sir

After having taken the best Advice upon the Subject of Your Excellency's Letter, I find I lie under no obligation to appear before the Council to make good any charges contained in the Piece alluded to by Your Excellency, and that my obeying a Summons of that kind (tho' I were able to prove them to the Satisfaction of the world,) would be of a dangerous Tendency. I am likewise advised that it is apprehended, that no Court in this Province can take cognizance of a paper printed