

APPENDIX IV

LETTERS AND VESTRY PROCEEDINGS OF THE YEAR
1769 RELATING TO THE REV. PHILIP HUGHES AND
OTHER COLONIAL CLERGYMEN

[INTERESTING LIGHT IS THROWN ON THE WAY IN WHICH CLERGYMEN IN COLONIAL MARYLAND WERE TRANSFERRED FROM ONE PARISH TO ANOTHER. REFERENCES TO HUGHES CAN BE FOUND IN VOLUME XXXII OF THE *Archives of Maryland* CONTAINING THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEARS 1761-1770. ALSO SEE INTRODUCTION P. xli]

A. LETTERS

Sir

I am directed by the Gov.^r to acquaint you that his Ex^{cy} having thought fit to appoint the rev.^d M.^r Hughs Rector of Chester Parish, he hath recommended you to the Vestry of Coventry Parish, in Somerset & Worcester Countys, in Order that you may Officiate there, for some Time, as Curate or Reeder, with an Allowance of the whole thirty p Poll, (one Pound of Tob.^o excepted) during your Residence.

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Records,
Black Books,
X, 72, Calen-
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As his Excellency designs Coventry Parish for another Clergyman, whose Arrival he expects soon, he desires me further to inform you, that you need not run yourself to any Expence with a View of settling your Family there, but that you may expect another Provision to be made for you, as soon as you shall be removed from thence

I am &c

15.th July 1769Copy to the rev.^d M.^r Mathias Harris

P. S. The inclosed Letter will introduce you to the Vestry of Coventry Parish

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Gentlemen

I am directed by his Ex.^{cy} the Gov.^r to inform you that, out of a sincere Desire to restore Peace & Harmony amongst you, he hath removed the rev.^d M.^r Hughs to Chester Parish; as this Measure leaves your Parish vacant, and he doth not intend to appoint you a Rector immediately, his Excellency recommends to you to employ the reverend M.^r Mathias Harris as a Reeder, for some little Time, until the Arrival of another Clergyman, whose Character & ability, he has the fullest Confidence, will give general Satisfaction to the Parish.