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increasing the Allowance of Grand & petit Jurors who shall attend the provin-  
cial Court; to limit costs with respect to Witnesses & granting them an  
Allowance for itinerant Charges; which I think is a very good Law, it  
being reasonable, that Jurors should receive for their Attendance, enough to  
defray their Expenses & therefore I hope it will meet with His Ldp's Appro-  
bation. — Old Parson & Murdock Rector of Prince Georges parish  
(which contains all that part of Frederick County that is below Seneca Creek  
& a small part of Prince Georges County) being at length dead, I have ad-  
vised His Ldp of that Event expecting from what You sometime ago wrote to  
me that he will be pleased to bestow it on Dr Sharpe, in case that Gentleman  
should be still inclined to come to America. I suppose the Amount of the  
30<sup>s</sup> poll in that parish last Year when Tobacco sold at a pretty good price  
was worth £300 fty & it will I apprehend be every Year worth at least  
£300 Currency, it being (as You will perceive by an Extract of a Letter which  
I received a few Days ago from the Sheriff of Frederick County) very likely  
to increase; & for that reason as it is an extensive Parish, I suppose the parishioners  
will whenever the Assembly meets again present a Petition & desire it may be di-  
vided, but to that I shall pay no Regard; untill I shall be acquainted with  
His Ldp's pleasure; in the mean time I have by Letters of Licence authorized  
Mr Williamson the Rector of this Parish to officiate as a Curate in that which  
is become vacant by the Disease of Mr Murdock & in case Dr Sharpe should  
have dropt all thoughts of leaving England for Ecclesiastical preferment in  
Maryland I should be glad to have His Ldp's Leave to induct Mr William-  
son into Prince Georges, or into a large part of it in case it shall be divided  
or if that cannot be by reason of Dr Sharpe's Acceptance, or for any other Rea-  
son then I shall hope His Ldp will permit me to present Mr Williamson  
to any other that might become vacant. — Mr Thome the Quaker Minister You  
wrote to me the 2<sup>d</sup> of Oct: having arrived just before Mr Murdock died. —