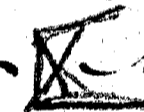


To Lord Baltimore. Annapolis 29 Oct: 1767

My Lord

Having lately had the honour to receive the Letter Your Ldps was pleased to write to me the 15 of April last in favour of the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Edmiston I have according to Your Ldps Order entered him on the List for Preferment. Since I last address'd myself to Your Ldps Mr Jordan & I (Mr Delany by reason of Sickness having excused himself from accompanying us) went over the Bay in order to set up to Sale Your Ldps Mannours in Kent & Queen Anns Counties but I am sorry to inform Your Ldps that we could not at that time sell more of the Mannour in Queen Anns than 822 Acres, & of the Mannour in Kent no part was sold, for as there were no persons willing to bid except for a very few Tenements that lay in different parts of it We were of Opinion that it would be better to postpone the Sale altogether & not by selling out such few Parcels only dismember the Mannour & as it were cut it in pieces. I did expect that all the purchasers of what hath been sold out of Ann Arundel Mannour would in this have made their first payment but some have not yet done so, however I now remit Your Ldps the First of Thirty two Setts of Bills of Exchange that have been paid us since I wrote to Your Ldps the 12 of Sept<sup>r</sup> amounting as for the inclosed List to the Sum of £1363, 10, 5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>. I also remit inclosed a second of the Bill of Exchange for £15, 0, 9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> the first of which was remitted to Your Ldps in my Letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup>.  Mr Adams the Rector of St James's Parish in this County having died about a Week ago the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Allen applied to me for a Licence or Authority to officiate there either by Himself or Curate hoping that he should by that means be able to secure to Himself the Income of that Parish without relinquishing this, of which he will continue Rector until some other is inducted, sensible of Your Ldps great Regard for Mr Allen I readily granted his Request but at the same time I am not without Apprehensions that the Vestry & Parishioners of one Parish or the other will when the time for settling Accounts comes oppose his Receipt of the Thirty p<sup>er</sup> Poll & make him have Recourse to Law in order to try for it; should that be the case I shall not be surpris'd if some of the Busy Men in the Lower House of Assembly who eagerly watch for Pretextes to clamour take it up as a publick Matter & complain of it as a Grievance. My Fears may perhaps be groundless & will I hope prove so but I thought it my Duty to communicate them to Your Ldps as I have already to Mr Allen who flatters himself that no Stir will be made about the Affair & intimat'd to me that if the Assembly should concern themselves he supposed my telling them that what had been done had been done by Your Ldps Instruction would be a sufficient Answer to them.