

are now so far pacified as to meet at a coffee House without speaking to each other but will never I suppose be reconciled. Since this unlucky Affair Mr Allen has applied to Me for an Induction to St James's instead of the Licence & I have ordered One to be made out for him tho' I really think he had better have remained as he was till Your Ldp could have time to signify Your farther Pleasure for I am apprehensive some of the Violent People in the Vestry of this Parish will upon hearing of his being Rector of St James's take some extraordinary Step or other in order to vex him & to create Confusion. I am very glad on this Account that the Assembly stands prorogued to a late Day in May for if they had happened to meet at this time I am persuaded Mr Worthington who is one of the Vestry here & also a Member of the Lower House would immediately prevail on the House to engage warmly in the Dispute & then I could have little hopes of the Session's being brought to a peaceable & happy Issue, but as there is so much time before the Meeting & Mr Allen tells Me he has already applied to Your Lordship for a Dispensation in form for holding two Livings I hope to receive some Instructions from Your Ldp on the Subject very shortly & shall then act on a sure Footing for at present I do not know certainly whether Your Ldp will make a Point of Mr Allens holding at all Events the two Parishes tho' he is for his part confident that You will & that Your Ldp had before he left England thoroughly considered the Act of 1702 for the Establishment of Religious Worship & was satisfied that the sixteenth Section could never operate so as to defeat in any Degree Your Ldp's Instruction for his being inducted into two Parishes. Having Nothing else to trouble Your Ldp about at this time I shall only add that I remain with the utmost Respect - Your Ldp's obliged & most devoted humble Servant.

Copy of Letter to Mr Hamersley. Annapolis 11 Feby 1760 transmitted by Captain Price to Bristol.

Dear Sir The Bristol Ship which I expected was ready to sail when I wrote to you the 2<sup>d</sup> of Jan'y having been frozen up a few Days afterwards & detained here ever since I now transmit by her a Letter to His Ldp advising him of an unlucky Affair that happened lately between the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Allen & One Mr Chew a Vestry-man of St James's Parish to which I have now at Mr Allens Request given him an Induction & he thinks he shall in spite of all Opposition be able to keep possession of both that & this & seems determined to try his Title at Law in case either of the Vestries should contest it which I am for