

(History of the Dulany & Allen quarrel)

Mr. Hughs being desirous if possible to be in harmony with his Parishioners obtained it seems an Opinion of Mr. Dulany's on the Matter for the Vestry's Parishioners perusal, imagining it would have great Weight with some among them who were said to be most violent & as I have not heard any thing to the contrary I presume he has taken peaceable Possession of the Parish. Before I quit this Subject of Parishes I must take the liberty to advise Your Ldps of some Publications here that have given Me a great Deal of Concern & will I am apprehensive give also some Uneasiness to Your Ldps. As I presume Mr. Allen & probably Mr. Dulany likewise has given Your Ldps or Mr. Hammett by an Account of what pass'd between them at the time the former press'd the latter to assist him in getting the Vestry of this Parish to agree to his holding the two Parishes I shall not trouble Your Ldps with what has been said here of their Interview or Conversation; Mr. Allen it seems shortly afterwards endeavoured to persuade the Rest of the Vestry that Mr. Dulany by becoming one of the Council was disqualified from being a Vestryman, but was so far from bringing them over to his Opinion that the Attempt prejudiced them against him. Soon afterwards a Paper appeared in the Gazette signed a Bystander calculated to inculcate the same Doctrine & therefore Mr. Allen was considered as the Author of it. This having as it were opened the Door of Controversy another Publication soon followed under the Title of The Querist evidently designed to stir up Enemies to Mr. Allen in both Parishes & to prevent his receiving the Income of either; which it seems he immediately attributed to Mr. Dulany tho' the general Opinion gave it to another Person, but I cannot find that any one has yet thought proper to declare himself the Author. I shall transmit these & the several subsequent Papers of Altercation for Your Ldps perusal in case You should think them worthy Notice. I shall only observe here that the Dispute soon degenerated into Inveective & personal Abuse, & that from being extremely intimate Mr. Dulany & Mr. Allen are now become the most inveterate Enemies, for which I am extremely sorry I am confident no Publick or private Advantage can arise from such a Contest, tho' Mr. Allen should be so far supported by Your Ldps as to bring