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I tell you that since I wrote to you the 11th Feby the Piece which I then
told you had been published in our Gazette by Mr Allen as was alleg'd
under the Name of a Bystander was soon followed by One signed the
Querist calculated to stir up the Vestrymen & other Inhabitants of both
St James's & this Parish against Mr Allen to which the next Week reply'd
under the former Signature of the Bystander but the popular Tide being
already against him, the Cavalier Manner in which he treated his Anta-
gonist tho it made many laugh was so far from serving his Cause, that
the Position of Pluralities being tenable here by Laws transcendent to Acts
of Assembly & the Conclusion of the next Paragraph at once interested in
the Dispute all the Vestries & Numbers of warm People throughout the
Province, as Mr Allen had from the time Mr Walter Dulany gave it
as his Opinion to him that St James's Parish was not legally tenable
with this laid his Miscarriage at Mr Dulany's Door, & as the Intimacy
which had before subsisted between Mr Dulany & him was now at
an End, Mr Allen it seems concluded that One or other of the Brothers
had been Author of the Queries, tho with respect to that the general
Opinion seem'd to be against him. Since that time hardly a Week has
pass'd without producing a Piece or two either in Prose or Verse on One
side or the other in which the Writers abuse each other very freely as
you will see if you think it worth while to look into the Bundle of
Papers that I shall herewith send you. Had Mr Allen thought pro-
per to ask my Opinion before he published any thing on the Subject
I should certainly have advis'd him against such a Measure, & am per-
suaded he must now wish the first Piece had never gone to the Press, for
so he should succeed so far as to bring His Ldps Resentment on those he
considers as his Adversaries he cannot again stand in so favourable a light
here as if Nothing had been published against him & cannot therefore I
think be again so happy as he seem'd to be for some time after his Arrival
After Mr Allen found the Consent of both Vestries could not be obtained
he wrote a long Piece by Way of a Letter to prove that the Statute