

were stuck up at publick Places he was so alarmed that he repaired to Annapolis & desired Me. to let him remain in his old Parish where he had lived in harmony with the People. & thereupon issued an Induction for Coventry Parish to the Rev^d W^m Hughes who then officiated as a Curate in Worcester County & was said to be well respected & esteemed there. This Gentleman had come into America in the Year 1755 as Chaplain to St Peter Kather's Regiment & continued so till that Regiment returned to Europe; when he came to this Province he brought Letters from Gen^l Gage & many other Gentlemen of Rank recommending him to my Notice & as I knew he had at the Affair of the Monongahela & on other Occasions behaved with great Spirit it was pretty confident he was not to be easily frightened & therefore thought him a very proper Person to send among such a wrong-headed Set of People as seemed to have taken the dead in Coventry Parish. On his coming hither & applying to Mr Dulany for his Advice how far he might legally go in order to get Possession of the Church in Case the Vestry should lock up the Doors & refuse to deliver him the Keys. Mr Dulany gave him a long Opinion of which Mr Hughes before he left Town gave Me a Copy which as it seems to contain his Opinion with regard to the Operation of our Act of Assembly against the Canon Law being introduced here I will herewith transmit to You. As I have not heard any thing to the contrary I presume Mr Hughes has taken Possession of his Parish & since the Step I took seem'd to be highly expedient I flatter myself His L^{ds} will approve of my inducting Mr Hughes without waiting for his Instruction to do so. Having in Consequence of what You wrote to Me on the Occasion of the Death of Mr Kumb desired the Gentlemen of the Council to tell Me whether they apprehended His L^{ds} appointing Mr Osgood Hanbury a Trustee in his stead to act in Conjunction with Mr Capel Hanbury the surviving Trustee would be agreeable to the Province they gave it as their Opinion that such Appointment would be quite satisfactory those Gentlemen being in the Mercantile Service or here to be at least as good as any that trade to the Province. I enclosed You will receive a Petition to His L^{ds} from Doctor Stuart for Leave to take up a small Quantity of Vacant Land that is contiguous to a Plantation