

to learn more of the Matter & in the mean time shall advise Mr Allouison
his Return hither to take such Steps as shall appear to me to be most
likely to remove the strong Prejudices those People have taken up against
him. [The Members of the Lower House have not that I can learn
taken any Notice as yet of the Question about Pluralities but have it
in Contemplation to frame a Bill for restraining all Beneficed Clergy here
from being absent more than two Months in a Year out of their respective
Parishes & for authorizing the Governor together with such three Clergymen
& three Laymen as he may from time to time choose or appoint to exercise
a Kind of Visitorial Jurisdiction over such Ministers as may be accus-
ed of any notorious & scandalous Behaviour, but if such a Bill should
be framed & pass the two Houses I shall for my part decline opposing
thereto till I can know His Lops pleasure tho indeed the Expediency of
some Restraint on the Clergy cannot be denied.]

Copy of Letter to Mr Hamersley. Dated Annapolis, 22 June 1760
Dr Sir

Having an Opportunity to transmit a Letter by a Ship bound hence to
Liverpool I embrace it to inform You that I have this Day put an End
to the Session of Assembly which as You would learn from my Letter of
the 27th Ult had met here the 24th of that Month. During the Session
Business seems to have been carried on with the greatest harmony & twenty
nine Bills have been pass'd into Laws. I may perhaps be now able to
send You inclosed the Titles of them by which You may in some
measure judge of their Scope or Design, & by Captain Hannich who will
be very soon ready to sail from Potuxent for London I will write more
fully to You concerning them. [According to the Intimation I gave You
in my Letter of the 15th Inst a Bill for the better Regulation of the Clergy
was not only framed in the Lower House but was also opened to by
the Upper on Condition it should not have any Effect till next March
before