

of the Parishioners to his taking possession of it. It being necessary that
he should continue to reside here while as Agent he has the Management
of Your Ldps pecuniary Affairs he has engaged a Curate to officiate
in his Parish but Threats it seems are thrown out that unless he
resides there & actually officiates in person the Question whether he is
entitled to the Thirty $\text{\$}$ Poll under the Act of Assembly shall be discussed
before a Jury of the County who in this part of the World are apt
to think themselves competent Judges of the Law as well as of Fact,
I hope however that the Peoples Passions will cool before the time of pay-
ment arrives & that Matters will not be carried by his Adversaries such
great Lengths, for if the point of Payment should be contested & a Jury
entertaining strong prejudices against him should be persuaded by
artful Lawyers to give a general Verdict against the Payment I know
not by what means Relief could be obtained, & Juries as I have already
intimated have sometimes given very extraordinary Verdicts. The Publi-
cations with which the Maryland Gazette was for some time filled
& the bad conduct of some among the Clergy seem to have made them
& their Thirty $\text{\$}$ Poll more thought of lately than ever they were before
since the Law was made for the support of an established Clergy in the
Province. To this having been the Topic of Conversation & some hints
having been dropt of Mr Allens being desirous to introduce some sort of
Episcopal or Commissarial Jurisdiction here might I suppose be attributed
the Birth of a Bill that was framed last Session in the Lower House
& after passing the Upper with an Amendment of a Nine Months
suspending Clause was by me laid aside in order that I may consider
it at leisure & have time to know Your Ldps Sentiments thereon, but
concerning this Bill & the other Transactions of the Assembly I must
decline writing fully till the next Opportunity, & at present proceed to
inform Your Ldps of a Matter I have not touched on in either of my
Letters to Mr Hamorley. Your Ldps will be pleased to observe that
that on Monday the 20th Inst just before the Business of the Session