

but His L^{ty} & You have long ago received an Acct of Mr Allen's suc-
ceding Col^o Lloyd in the Agency in consequence of His L^{ty}'s pleasure signified
me by Your Letter of the 24th of Nov^r & of my desiring Major Tenifer to
take Charge of the Western Shore Rent Roll till His L^{ty} shall give
particular Orders concerning the keeping it for the future. I can only say
in answer to what You write with regard to Mr Allen & the Prohibition
with respect to my disposing of those Offices that I have from the Moment
that Gentleman arrived here endeavoured to gratify his Wishes & gone
greater lengths to serve him than I would have gone to oblige the most
near Friend of my own, if therefore I am supposed to have paid too little
regard to His L^{ty}'s Recommendation of him I have indeed been very
unlucky & doubt not but it will appear on Enquiry that I have rather
run into the other Extreme, & I solemnly declare to You that if I had
been circumstanced & recommended as Mr Allen was when he came
either I would not have made the Points he has done but have been
content with an Income of £300^{ft} a Year till a better Parish should
have fallen, & I wish he may not in the End be a Loser by pursuing diffe-
rent Measures as well as create Enemies to himself & His L^{ty}'s Govern.
The Inhabitants of St James's are I understand determined to oppose his
Receipt of the Thirty Sh^{ill} Poll, & to bring the Question before a Jury of the Inha-
bitants of All Saints will probably follow the Example unless he will produce
to the Vestry his Induction & officiate there in Person, I wish therefore You
would consider what Steps are to be taken in case the Jury should bring in
general Verdicts against him or against the Sheriff should they pay him for
the Cause will be made a popular One & prejudices are already raised
against Mr Allen there is no knowing how far the passions of a Jury may
carry them.] As the Value of the Commisary Office & of most of the other
Offices depends on the price of Tob^o: it is impossible for any Person but the
Proprietor to ascertain it precisely but as Tob^o now sells very high I apprehend
it must be worth at least £500^{ft} clear, & the Income arising from the