

ould wish to give some Preferment in Maryland; You will therefore please
look out & give His Ldp Notice of the first that offers with the Circumstances
& Value." - In a Letter His Ldp did me the Honour to write to me
the 2^d of August 1766 he thus express'd himself " I desire that You will be
pleas'd to observe what has been mentioned to You in relation to a Living
a particular Friend of mine here in England Mr Allen of Oxford, I propose
shall have one of the best & he will send a Deputy from hence for him
in this for many Reasons I desire Your Assistance in compleating. On my
Receipt of His Ldp's Letter I promised in my Answer dated the 7th of Decem.
1766 to give him the earliest Notice when any Living of considerable Value
ould become vacant, taking the Liberty at the same time to intimate to
His Ldp that the bestowing a Living here on a Clergyman resident in
England leaving it to him to send a Curate to officiate in his stead was a new
Measure & might be deemed contrary to the Spirit of the Acts of Assembly
that provide for the Clergymen's Maintenance. (Very soon afterwards Mr
Allen arriv'd in the Province bringing Me from His Ldp the following
Letter dated the 22^d of Sept. 1766. " The Bearer hereof is Mr Allen the Oxford
Gentleman. Sometime since mentioned to You & as from the great Desire
he has of Visiting America he has resigned a good Appointment I would
not have him a Loser by the Exchange & as You say there are Livings
vacant worth £150 ftg each should be glad Mr Allen might hold two
of those Livings till one of the best become vacant for which he may
think it worth while to make a Change & to which I desire You would
present him.") The Answer I returned His Ldp (at the same time
writing to You to the same Effect) was " There being some Livings on
the Eastern Shore of considerable Value vacant at the time Mr Allen arriv'd
here I immediately offer'd him his Choice of them but the One of them
was worth £250 ftg a Year he signified to Me that it would be much
more agreeable to him to be inducted into this Parish which does not at
most exceed £100 if I could vacate it by the Removal of the then Rector
which therefore I immediately did so that Mr Allen will continue to reside
in this Place until some more valuable Parish on this side the Bay become
vacant, which will I expect be the case very shortly. It being Enacted by
a Law pass'd here in 1702 that no Minister or Incumbent shall at one
time hold more than two Parishes nor Two unless by the Desire or Agreement