

apprehended be able to receive the Income of both Parishes. On this Footing
he remained for some time but finding upon Tryal that One of the Vestries
at least would not come into his Measures he took the Resolution to hold
them both without their Consent alledging that "His Ldp by a Letter dated
in Feby 1767 had presented him to any Living he might choose together
with the Living of St Annes of which he was then possessor, This (said he)
is a good Presentation & upon this I found a Title, it exactly corresponds
with a Writ of Beneficio primo Ecclesiasticis habendo directed by the King
to the Lord Chancellor to bestow the Benefice that shall first fall in the
Thing's Gift on a particular Person & the Chancellors Refusal would be a
Contempt". The quoted to me also another Letter of His Ldp's dated the
14th of May 1767 viz^t "I shall be glad to be informed from You of Your having
been inducted in another Living as I directed the Governor to hold jointly
with that of Annapolis where I would have You reside" Apprehensive
as I was that the Measure would raise a Blamour that Mr Allen would
not be permitted to receive the Income of the two Parishes I did not think
myself any longer at liberty to exercise my own Judgment as I informed
You by my Letter of the 11 of Feby 1768 when I thus wrote to You "I now
transmit a Letter to His Ldp advising him of an unlucky Affair that
happened lately between the Rev. Mr Allen, Mr Chew a Vestryman of
St James's Parish to which I have now at Mr Allens Request given him
an Induction & he thinks he shall in spite of all Opposition be able to
keep possession of both that & This, seems determined to try his Title at
Law in case either of the Vestries should contest it, which I am for my
part very apprehensive they will, the Cause being already become a very
Popular One. Mr Allen tells me he is satisfied that both His Ldp & You
were before he left England not only apprized of the Proviso in the Act
of 1702 against Pluralities, but that You had well considered it, & were
clearly of Opinion it could never operate so as to restrain His Ldp's Right under
the Charter & the Canon Law to bestow on his Chaplain more than one Living
nevertheless I could have wishd he would have been satisfied to remain as
he was until I could be favoured with His Ldp's farther Instructions"

A few Days after I had transmitted this Letter I received Yours dated the
10th of Nov^r 1767 in which You said "His Ldp is much concerned to
find no further Advance has been made in settling Mr Allen to his Inten-