

thought he should do so before Me & the Council in order that proper
acquittance might be taken thereof he waived the Matter & declined ac-
knowledging himself the Author of the Piece in question. In consequence
of his Replication a Mr Clapham & Mr Dabain a school Master here have
since entered the Lists I dont think it very unlikely that the Rev^d Mr
Lover & Mr Edmiston with whom in his Appeal Mr Allen has made very
free will think themselves also obliged in their own Defence to take up the
Pen against him. He is now gone again to Fredericks with a View of making
up Matters with the Vestry & I have reason to think he will not be
altogether unsuccessful. Had my Advice or Opinions weigh'd at all with
him when he was a Stranger in the Province he would never have run
himself into the Difficulties he has since experienced but he then seem'd
to shun Me, to suspect my good Inclinations to serve him because I did
not at once go into his Measures, & to be confident that he could carry his
point in spite of all Opposition that could possibly be made to the Scheme
he had adopted. If any Credit is to be given to him it was not so much
as Mr Dulany's giving him free Access to his Study & not locking up Burn
from him that made Mr Allen press Me so earnestly to take a step I
apprehended would be productive of Mischief, as an Opinion that the
Measure on the most mature Consideration had been expressly recommended
by both His Lord & Yourself; had not Mr Allen push't for the Commissioners'
Office nor Mr W Dulany been a Vestryman, the closest Intimacy would pro-
bably have still subsisted between the Brother & Mr Allen but it is far
from being clear to me that there would have been then no Blamour about
Pluralities or some other Matter or to use an Expression Mr Jordan dropt
that the Train which had been laid would not have been set fire to in some
other manner. You would see by my Letter of the 27th of May that I was
sensible of my having Enemies & was aware of the Impossibility of pleasing
every Body where the Candidates or Competitors for the first Place in His
Lord's Favour & Friendship were so numerous, I therefore at the time I ad-
vised You of what I apprehended was in Contemplation wrote also to
my Brother Phill to the same purport & added "I have reason to think
that at present I stand in as favourable a light with the People in ge-
neral as an American Governor can reasonably expect to do, & would