

it was reported to us that M^r Allen & M^r Sam^l Chew one of the Vestry of S^t James's had had a most violent quarrel at the House of the Latter & that M^r Chew had expressed his Resentment so far as to turn the former out of his House. This indeed I afterwards found was too true & that in Consequence thereof a Challenge had actually passed between them. They are now so far pacified as to meet at a Coffee House without speaking to each other but will never I suppose be reconciled. Since this unlucky Affair M^r Allen has applied to Me for an Induction to S^t James's instead of the Lycence & I have ordered One to be made out for him tho I really think he had better have remained as he was till Your Ldp could have time to signify Your farther Pleasure for I am apprehensive some of the Violent People in the Vestry of this Parish will upon hearing of his being Rector of S^t James's take some extraordinary Step or other in order to vex him & to create Confusion. I am very glad on this Account that the Assembly stands prorogued to a late Day in May for if they had happened to meet at this time I am persuaded M^r Worthington who is one of the Vestry here & also a Member of the Lower House would immediately prevail on the House to engage warmly in the Dispute & then I could have little hopes of the Sessions being brought to a peaceable & happy Issue, but as there is so much time before the Meeting & M^r Allen tells me he has already applied to Your Lordship for a Dispensation in form for holding two Livings I hope to receive some Instruction from Your Ldp on the Subject very shortly & shall then act on a sure Footing for at present I do not know certainly whether Your Ldp will make a Point of M^r Allens holding at all Events the two Parishes tho he is for his part confident that you will & that Your Ldp had before he left England thoroughly considered the Act of 1702 for the Establishment of Religious Worship & was satisfied that the sixteenth Section could never operate so as to defeat in any Degree Your Ldp's Instruction for his being inducted into two Parishes. having nothing else to trouble Your Ldp about at this time I shall only add that I remain with the utmost Respect Your Ldp's obliged & most devoted humble Serv^t

Letter Bk. V

State of the Difference between M^r Allen & M^r Chew.

Memorandum

Wednesday the 6th of Jany. 1768 M^r Allen went to M^r Chew's House M^r Edmondson then being there. M^r Chew having asked M^r Allen in & being about making a Bowl of Punch M^r Allen told M^r Chew that he intended to rent out the Glebes. M^r Chew told M^r Allen he had no Right to do it & pointing to the Acts of Assembly told him there's the Act of