

Letter Bk. V apparent from that as well as from a Letter he had had the honour to receive from your Ldp that your Ldp intended he should be appointed to the best place in the Province he preferred that of Agent whereupon I wrote to Col^o Lloyd that M^r Allen would succeed him as Agent on the 25th Inst & a Commission was accordingly made out to him bearing Date of that Day. As M^r Allen seem'd to be under some difficulty about getting a responsible Person to become Surety here on his behalf I apprehended your Ldp would be satisfied with his own personal Bond which I therefore took in the penalty of £5000 stg of which I transmit your Ldp a Copy together with a Copy of his Commission, but he told me Security should be given in England on his behalf to any Amount your Ldp should require. M^r Hamersley having in the same Letter intimated to Me that your Ldp did not desire to be involved in any Dispute about Pluralities I have upon M^r Allens choosing to continue Rector of St James's Parish inducted into this the Rev^d M^r Edmiston in pursuance of your Ldps pleasure signified to Me by the Letter your Ldp was pleased to favour me with the 15th of April last. In the List of the Parishes & Clergy I last year transmitted for your Ldps Information there were some Clergymen mentioned as Officiating Curates in Vacant Parishes untill your Ldp should be pleased to give permission for their being inducted. One of these vacant Parishes called Coventry was in the year 1766 vacated by the Death of M^r Whitaker who by his Sottishness & immoral Behaviour had long been considered as an intollerable Burthen by the Parishioners. After his Decease I gave Lycence to a M^r Reade to officiate there as a Curate till your Ldp should permit me to induct him either into that or some other Parish, but being told some time last Winter that the Vestry or at least some of them had taken up a Notion that the Parishioners as Founders of the Church had a Right to elect & present their Rector as is the Practice in Virginia I thought it my Duty to issue immediately an Induction for Coventry to a M^r Ross Rector of All Hallows the next Parish which is not quite so lucrative intending to appoint M^r Reade to officiate there in his stead ; but when M^r Ross was preparing to remove into Coventry such Threats were thrown out as deterred him, & he desired me to let him remain where he was not choosing to leave a Parish where he was on good Terms with the People for one where he was not very likely to be very kindly received or to live in harmony with his Parishioners. Upon this I gave an Induction for Coventry to the Rev^d M^r Hughs who officiated in a neighbouring Parish as your Ldp would see by my List, This Gentleman having been Chaplain to the 44th Regiment during the late War & being desirous to settle