

5. That in Mariland and other places there is noe settled maintenance for Ministers at all.

P. R. O.  
Colonial  
Entry Book,  
No. 105.

Upon which head my Lord Baltemore is called in, and being acquainted with this particular, a copie is to be delivered his Lordship of this Article that hee may propose a meanes for the support of a convenient number of Ministers against Thursday next

And it is farther agreed that this defect ought to bee supplied in all the Plantations remaining under Propriety and that letters bee written accordingly

[Nos. 6, 7, 8, refer to Virginia and Jamaica.]

9. That noe care is taken for the passage of new Ministers.

Whereupon it is thought fit that the Governors doe provide for the expence of transporting Ministers and other charges out of the profits arising by the Vacancies.

Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> of Iuly 1677.

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Present

Lord Privy Seale.

Lord B<sup>p</sup> of London

Duke of Ormond.

M<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>ry</sup> Williamson

Marquis of Worcester.

M<sup>r</sup> Chanc<sup>r</sup> of the Excheq<sup>r</sup>

There is read a letter directed to the Archbishop of Canterbury from a Minister of Maryland of the 6<sup>th</sup> of May 1676 which by a letter from his Grace had been transmitted to my Lord B<sup>p</sup> of London complaining of the abuses in the religion and morality of the inhabitants, occasioned by the discouragement of the Protestant Ministry and want of provision for such as are conformable to the Church of England and praying that care bee taken for the establishing and settlement of the Orthodox religion as in other parts of the West Indies. After which the law of Maryland concerning Religion permitting liberty of conscience and a free exercise of service to all persons and sects professing to beleve in Jesus Christ.

Whereupon the Lord Baltemore is called in who offers a paper declaring the present state of the Christian Religion in Maryland and the difficulty to establish any settled maintenance by law for the Ministry of the Church of England there being so few of that perswasion, among soe great numbers of other sectaries. Which being read their Lordships take notice of the fitness that a settled maintenance bee provided by an Act of the Country for a sufficient number of Orthodox Ministers, to which my Lord Baltemore seemed to consent and then withdrew.

Their Lordships doe therefore agree to write a letter to my Lord Baltemore taking notice of the scandalous way of living and desiring his Lordship to give orders that either those Laws