

rejected a Bill, pass'd by your Honourable House for granting to his Majesty a considerable Sum of Mony to be applied towards raising & maintaining a number of men to defend this Country against y<sup>e</sup> brutal French, & their Allies y<sup>e</sup> savage Indians who were then committing the most shocking Barbaritees & uncommon Cruelties imaginable on our fellow-Creatures and Countrymen, who cou'd have no Consolation in their Distress, but that of seeing Hundreds in their own unhappy & lamentable Circumstances; This gives great Concern, & more when we reflect on the great Dangers & mischiefs y.<sup>t</sup> may speedily arise within this Government, by y.<sup>e</sup> Increase of Popish Resusants among us, & considering y.<sup>e</sup> great Resort of Jesuits to this Country who are daily endeavouring to seduce His Majestys good Subjects from their Religion, & Alegiance, And how much His Majestys Protestant Subjects are disheartened to see Priests & Jesuits accumulating great Wealth & enjoying some of y.<sup>e</sup> best Estates in y.<sup>e</sup> Province, contrary to Law & good Government: And also to see men highly to be suspected of Popery & who were educated at St Omers & brought up in y.<sup>t</sup> Religion, admitted into Employments of great Trust & profit. We cannot omit on this occasion to return you our sincere Thanks & to express our Approbation of your address to His Excellency the Governour dated the 6<sup>th</sup> July 1755 [July 3, 1755] & printed in the Maryland Gazette, requesting of His Excellency y.<sup>e</sup> Execution of y.<sup>e</sup> Penal Laws of England against the Papists of this Province; and though we have y.<sup>e</sup> Mortification to find that your said address had not the desired Effect, yet we entreat you not to be discouraged from Farther attempting our Relief & Security by transmitting to his most sacred Majesty a true State of our present Situation & Grievances & imploring His Interposition and Protection. And we do hereby engage to support your Undertaking to y.<sup>e</sup> utmost of our Abilitys, & with our Lives & Fortunes to maintain & defend His Majesties Rights in this Dominion.

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[No signatures are appended to this petition.]

### III

PETITIONS OF FREEHOLDERS AND FREEMEN OF ALL SAINTS PARISH  
IN FREDERICK COUNTY FOR ITS DIVISION INTO TWO  
PARISHES (see page 235).

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There are three of these petitions, each bearing a large number of signatures that were apparently circulated in different parts of All Saints Parish, which may be designated as (1), (2), and (3). All three petitions are practically identical as to their wording so the preamble of only the first one is given; the list of signatures alone being printed for petitions (2) and (3). A number of the names are