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those of Germans. The signatures in German script of some of them are scarcely decipherable. In such cases the names are either omitted in whole or in part or are queried.

(Petition 1.)

To His Excellency Hor:^o Sharpe Esq.^r Governour of Maryland, And the Honour.^{ble} the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, of said Province now Convened.

The Petition of the Freeholders and Freemen of Allsaints Parish in Frederick County humbly Sheweth—

That Whereas the afores.^d Parish, from its Vast Extent, and great Number of People residing therein, has rendered it Impracticable, for any one Clergyman, to discharge his Function in such a manner, as to Improve and Edify the People, so Amply and fully, as Christianity and the Nature of the thing requires. We are to Inform your Excellency and Hon.^{rs}, that the Thirty p poll of the said Parish, amounts at present to near Eighty Thousand pounds of Tobacco. And that the said Parish includes the whole County, Except a small part between Senecar and Rock-creek; which being abstracted from the other, the Parish Remains then above a hundred and fifty miles in length, besides its Extent every way, as it is now peopled at present. From this inconvenience, the Word of God, and Christian knowledge, is much Impeded and hindered. Numbers of the Parishioners cannot go to Church at all: and others, (who otherways being well-wishers to the Orthodox reformed Religion of the Church of England) have their Children Baptiz^d, by dissenting Ministers and others again, joyn themselves in Worship with others Sectaries, as Quakers &c. Your Petetioners therefore pray your Excell:^{cy} and Hon^{rs}, to take our state and Circumstances into your most serious Consideration; and grant that an Act may Pass, for the Dividing the said Parish, which may be in force, immediately after the Death of the Rev.^d Sam.^l Hunter, our present Incumbent, that your Petetioners may have the free Exercise of the Word of God preached to us, and the Sacraments duly Administer'd to our Edification and Comfort. We pray for the Dividing line, to begin at the mouth of Manockacy, and to run up with the said Creek, 'til it Intersects the Pensilvanian Line. The lower part of which Division will be a compact Uniform Parish, and wo'd amount by the Number of Taxables at present, to upwards of Twenty Seven Thousand pounds of Tob:^o, which we pray may be a distinct Parish by another name. And your Petetioners as in duty bound will ever pray—

Alex.^r Pearre
Jon:^a Willson
Tho:^s Kirk

George Norris
John Jacobs
Phillip Pindell
William Saer