

By a Committee of the Lords of the Privy Council Decber  
the 15<sup>th</sup> 1729

His Majesty having been pleas'd by his Order in Council  
of y<sup>e</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> of October last, to Refer unto the considerat<sup>n</sup> of this Com<sup>tee</sup>  
the pet<sup>n</sup> of Jacob Henderson Clerk on behalf of himself & of  
the Clergy of Maryland complaining of an Act passed in that  
Province the 3<sup>d</sup> of October 1728 whereby one fourth part of what  
had been granted & established for their Support & maintenance  
by an Act pass'd there in 1702 & which was confirm'd by her  
late Majesty Q. Ann. in Council, is entirely cut off, & the  
remaining 3 parts of their Subsistence is rendered precarious,  
and therefore praying y<sup>t</sup> his Maj<sup>ty</sup> will be pleas'd to Order y<sup>t</sup>  
the s<sup>d</sup> Complaint may be examin'd into, whereby not only his  
Majesty's Royal Prerogative, but also the just rights of the  
whole Body of the Clergy, may be ascertain'd & maintain'd;  
their Lordships on the 3<sup>d</sup> of this inst<sup>t</sup> took the s<sup>d</sup> pet<sup>n</sup> into  
consideration, together w<sup>th</sup> a representat<sup>n</sup> of the Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Cecil:  
Calvert Esq<sup>r</sup> for & on the behalf of Char<sup>l</sup>: L<sup>d</sup>: Baltimore his  
Brother, setting forth, amongst other matters, y<sup>t</sup> as the said  
pet<sup>n</sup> greatly affected his Bro<sup>r</sup>'s Rights & Privileges, as absolute  
Lord & Proprietor of the s<sup>d</sup> Province & particularly as to his  
Right of approving or Repealing the laws pass'd in that  
Province; and y<sup>t</sup> as his Bro<sup>r</sup> was now absent f<sup>m</sup> this  
Kingdom, & an intire stranger to such application, & had  
left no Instructions or Authority with any person to  
Defend his Right, he therefore pray'd y<sup>t</sup> the s<sup>d</sup> petition  
might not be taken into Consideration until his s<sup>d</sup> Brothers  
Return who was daily expected in England: Whereupon  
their Lordships were pleas'd to put off the considerat<sup>n</sup> of the  
pet<sup>n</sup> to this day; when my Lord Baltimore's Solicitor  
attended their Lordships, & acquainted them that he was  
arriv'd in England, & pray'd, y<sup>t</sup> in regard his  
as Proprietor, had constantly enjoy'd & exercis'd