

cient Laws to restrain & punish such evil lives, & to oblige men to live at least like Christians though not of the same profession, If the Laws be full enough herein Wee do desire your Lo<sup>p</sup> to take care that they may be put in Execution & if any Law be defecte or wanting herein, that the defect may be supplied, by such new Laws as the Occasion requires.

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Wee are likewise informed of another particular from when-ever Wee have reason to beleve, that this disorderly & wicked kind of living of the Inhabitants proceeds in a great measure ; w<sup>ch</sup> is that there is no custom establisht allowance for the Ministers of the Gospell whereby able, Sober & Learned men might be invited to go over to instruct them, & especially in the Protestant Religion according to the Church of England, w<sup>ch</sup> is the cause that there is a great want of able Ministers there. As Wee know how fit & necessary it is, to have that want Supplied, as Wee likewise think it very convenient that it should be done without Imposing any burden upon the Inhabitants other than that they are willing freely to Settle for the Support of their Ministers. In order whereunto Wee desire that your Lo<sup>p</sup> will write to the Governour and Councill of Maryland, to send Over an acco<sup>t</sup> hither w<sup>th</sup> as much speed as may be ; How many Ministers of the Protestant Religion according to the Church of England are now w<sup>th</sup> in the s<sup>d</sup> Plantacōn & what Settlements and allowances they respectively have ; And to the end they may be Supplied w<sup>th</sup> Ministers where they are wanted Wee desire yo<sup>r</sup> Lo<sup>p</sup> to direct the s<sup>d</sup> Govern<sup>r</sup> & Councill to take an acco<sup>t</sup> of all the Protestant Families there & the value of their respective plantacōns, & then considering their Situations in respect of distance one from the other to see how many Congregations they may make up, that so they may be accordingly Supplied w<sup>th</sup> Ministers, And this being done Wee desire your Lo<sup>p</sup> to give direction to the s<sup>d</sup> Govern<sup>r</sup> & Councill to inquire what each respective Congregation will be freely willing to Settle for the Maintenance of an able Minister, And when the s<sup>d</sup> persons shall have agreed upon such Certain allowances as afores<sup>d</sup>, that then the upon the desire of the s<sup>d</sup> persons s<sup>d</sup> Govern<sup>r</sup> & Councill doe endeavour to have the same Enacted into a Law as is practised in other his Ma<sup>ty</sup> plantacōns. And of this whole matter wee desire to have an account w<sup>th</sup> as much speed as conveniently may be.

Wee would likewise be glad to have an account how matters of Religion stand as to the dissenters from the Church of England, That is to say what Number of Ministers or Teachers, they respectively have, & what settlement or provision they have made for them, & in Gen<sup>l</sup> Wee would willingly have an account of the Number of the Planters in Maryland & of what persuasion they are in matters of Religion, & the number of each persession respectively. All w<sup>ch</sup> we recomend to your