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now in force be put in execution or that if they be not sufficient to restrain it other Laws may be enacted to that purpose.

And whereas there is at present noe settled allowance for Orthodox Ministry their Lord^{ps} will desire that Inquiry bee made what number of Protestants that conforme to the Church of England there is at present in his Lord^{ps} Province and what allowance they would agree to settle in the several Precincts for the encouragement of learned Ministers and that endeavours bee made to ascertain by a law of the Country, a sufficient salary for their subsistence.

That an account bee return'd from those parts of the present number of Protestant families and Congregations of the Ministers now settled there what allowances they enjoy and how many others are wanting for the supply of the whole Colony.

That their Lords^{ps} bee informed of the state of the several religions dissenting from the Church of England in relation to the number of their adherents, teachers, settlement or provision made for their maintenance And in general of the number condition and perswasions of all the Planters. Which account the Lord Baltimore is to require from his Deputy Governor and Council and to return it to their Lordships with all possible speed

Mem^{dm} Their Lo^{ps} think fit that when allowances are settled by law in Maryland and other parts according to the abilities of the inhabitants some meanes bee found out here for the charitable supply of what shall be wanting for the subsistence of the Ministers. As alsoe the several Governors are to find out some farther encouragement for them when they have been there some time either by assigning them lands or otherwise.

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My Lord Bishop of London represents to the Committee the ill usage of Ministers in the Plantations and their too great subjection to the Vestry men—

For the remedy whereof their Lord^{ps} think fit that the Ministers make a part of the Vestry in the regulation of all matters except in the settlement of their maintenance.

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Mem^{dm} Received this day from my Lord Baltimore Ten Acts or Laws made in Maryland and at the same time delivered unto his Lord^p a letter from the Committee concerning religion and orderly living in that Colony.

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There being presented unto the Com^{tee} several Commissions for taking the Oaths of the Governors of the Plantations to