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pension deprivation or Deposition and your Petitioners shall forever pray &c.

Whereupon the said M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Cockshutt M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Colebatch & M<sup>r</sup> Henry Hall being called in his Ex<sup>cy</sup> was pleased to say to them.

Gentlemen Your inconsiderate Petition to my Self and her Ma<sup>ties</sup> honb<sup>le</sup> Council is a birth so untimely rash and monstrous that nothing but the ill digested Conceptions of your hot Brains could have begotten, let me tell you that Zeal in good men who are sure they are in the right is always Comendable but when it is otherwise to such men it becomes like the Chariot of the Sun lashed by the unskilful as well as unfortunate Phaeton and is equally dangerous to themselves as well as others and such a Zeal it is plain has infatuated you in charging my Self and this hon:ble Board with a Crime you Express not less than Sacrilegious in that I should oppress or derogate from the Authority of this Church in whose orthodox Faith and Principles I have been ever Educated and have always professed

Gentlemen I Believe my Care and Protection of the Church since my Arrival in this Province have meritted better Returns from every of its Members than the ill usage you have treated me with in petitioning the House of Delegates as if there were a Necessity for a Barrier between the Rights of the Church and my Self and calling my Authority in Question

But why should I mention or wonder at this part of your Folly when your Extravagance has Soared beyond the utmost Zenith. If my Self and her Majest<sup>ies</sup> honb<sup>le</sup> Council had Exceeded our Authority in M<sup>r</sup> Holts suspension it would have become you first of all to have been certainly assured thereof and then it would not only have been mannerly but religiously Just in you with modesty (which is a Virtue I perceive you are unacquainted with) to have represented to me wherein you had presumed to have taken upon you so publickly to reprove your Elders and Superiours, for be assured while I have the honour to command herein this Province her Majesty Ever shall be Supreme Head and Governour of the Church here therefore repair to your Several Parish Charges and for the future have a Care How you Engage in such like Extravagancy least you give me occasion to use you as Contemners of Authority and Disturbers of her Majest<sup>ies</sup> peace After which they withdrew.

M<sup>r</sup> Robert Tyler brings from the House the Bill declaring it to be felony to scratch out the mark of Tob<sup>o</sup> or alter the Quality after received insisted on by the House without