

M^r Robert Gouldsborough being heard in favour of the Petition of the Vestry of S^t Michaels Parish in Talbot County and Solomon Jones's Will appearing to be altogether insufficient to make any Estate or Dispose the Land to the uses therein mentiond the Bill is rejected and the partys left to the Common Law. Original Journal.

Came M^r Greenfield Major Lowe & M^r Tyler to present M^r Robert Bradley a new Elected member for Prince Georges County to be Sworne who had the usuall Oaths Administred according to Law and Sign'd the Test & Oath of Abjuration

The Councill adjourns to Eight of the Clock to morrow morning

Wednesday Aprill 17th 1706

The Councill Sate Present as Yesterday

The Petition of the Roman Catholicks read as followeth Viz. To his Ex^{ncy} the Governour & Councill in Assembly

The humble Petition of her Majestys Dutifull & Loyall Roman Catholiq Subjects of Maryland

Sheweth. That the said Roman Catholicks preferr'd an humble Peticon at the Beginning of this Sessions praying that there might be a farther Suspension of the Act Intituled An Act to prevent the Growth of Popery by which they Conceiv'd themselves under Some hardships untill her Majestys Pleasure should be knowne in relation to what her gracious Intensions may be towards them in this Plantation. P. 52

That they understand some Expressions in their said Petition have (contrary to their designe) given Offence so as to be a means of hindring their Relief humbly pray'd for

That the giving offence in the least Manner either to her Majesty (by whose Royall pleasure only they must stand or ffall in that Matter) or to the Governm^t here Establish'd under her is a thing they allways have & shall with their utmost industry avoid being as sensible as any her other Subjects of the Happiness they enjoy under the Clemency of her mild & glorious Reigne also hoping that while the Generall blessings that at this Juncture attend her unparallell'd Undertakings make not only her owne Subjects but most of the Christian World rejoyce her said Roman Catholiq Subjects under yo^r Ex^{ncys} prudent Government may not by lying under Hardships in religious Matters till her Majesty Signifys her Pleasure be Depriv'd of sharing the generall Satisfaction which by yo^r Ex^{ncys} & Councils concurrence to an Act for the further Suspending the said Law till then they shall fully partake of P. 53

And therefore they humbly pray yo^r Ex^{ncy} & Councils Concurrence thereto & they as in Duty bound shall pray.

The following Message Sent to the house