

Lib. C. B. That on the third Day of August 1737 the s<sup>d</sup> Jacob Henderson by Deed of Gift gave the said Chappel with four Acres of Land to his Lordship the right hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lord Proprietary for the Use of the said Parish

That the said Henderson having at his own Expences new shingled the said Chappel acquainted those that had Seats there, that He expected they would thereafter at their own Expence keep it in Repair.

That your Pet<sup>rs</sup> and several of the remote Inhabitants of the said Parish conceiving it reasonable, as they paid a ratable Part for the Repairs of the Mother Church with those that did attend and had the benefit of Divine Worship in said Church, that the Parishioners attending said Church should likewise joyn with your Pet<sup>rs</sup> for repairing the said Chappel, At an Assembly held in May 1741 petitioned the then General Assembly, and therein set forth the before recited p<sup>m</sup>ises, and likewise that if the said Chappel should go to Ruin, It would  
 p. 180 run the Parish to a great Charge, there being a Necessity for a Chappel in that Part of the said Parish; They therefore prayed that an Act might pass empowering the Justices of the said County to levy on the taxable Persons of said Parish One hundred Pounds Current money to compleat the Repairs of the said Chappel, and that the same might be deemed a Chappel of the said Parish, and thereafter repaired at the parish Charge, whereupon An Act passed agreeable to the Prayer of the Petition

Your Pet<sup>rs</sup> likewise humbly shew that from the time a<sup>d</sup> Your Pet<sup>rs</sup> enjoyed their Seats and Benches without any manner of Interruption or Molestation, until about the middle of June last, the Vestry Clerk gave Notice, that the Vestry had resolved to lay the Chappel out into Pews, and that they desired the Parishioners to meet them on the third Tuesday in August following to treat on that Affair

At which Day several of the Parishioners that frequent the Chappel met and expostulated with the Vestry in hopes to have prevailed with them not to alter their Seats, or to permit the Parishioners to vote whether the Chappel should be laid into Pews or not, and were told by One of the Vestry, that they would not admit of their Votes, and by another that they (the Vestry) were come there to lay it into Pews, and if they were injured he supposed they knew how to help themselves, and accordingly the Vestry without Consent of the Minister proceeded to lay said Chappel into Pews, as appears by Copy of said Vestry's Proceedings hereunto annexed

And your Petitioners likewise shew that some of the Parish<sup>rs</sup> belonging to the Chappel who were displeas'd with their Proceedings and who before had Seats and Benches therein,