

Lib. C. B. To his Excellency Samuel Ogle Esq<sup>r</sup> Governor & Commander in Chief in and Over the Province of Maryland And to the Honourable his Lordships Council

The Petition of the Freeholders of King George Parish  
in Prince Georges County

Most humbly Sheweth

That in pursuance of an Act of Assembly the Freeholders of the said Parish met on Easter Monday the Eighth day of April last at the Parish Church (at Broad Creek) and there (by a great Majority) Elected M<sup>r</sup> John Beall jun<sup>r</sup> and M<sup>r</sup> David Ross for Vestrymen, and M<sup>r</sup> John Baynes and M<sup>r</sup> John Row for Church Wardens as appears by a Certificate annexed to this Petition, Signed by John Willing Register of the said Parish, and yet you will See from the said Certificate that the Vestry met on the Seventh day of May Last and made a  
P. 445 Resolve (after M<sup>r</sup> John Beall jun<sup>r</sup> Appeared & offered to Qualify as a Vestryman in Consequence of his Election) that no Dissenter hath a Right to bear Office in the Church of England and in Pursuance of that Resolve refused to Admit the said M<sup>r</sup> John Beal jun<sup>r</sup> as a Vestryman, and also Talk of Summoning the Freeholders to a New Election

Now as your Petitioners esteem such a Resolve unprecedented, & inconsistent with the Laws of this Province; and apprehend that the Vestry have a farther View of Excluding also M<sup>r</sup> David Ross and M<sup>r</sup> John Row, by that Resolve; which would not only frustrate the Freeholders in their Choice of Vestrymen, now & in times to come, but in a great Measure disapoint their Expectations of an enquiry into the Preceeding Conduct of the Vestry which your Petitioners humbly Apprehend has not in many Instances been agreeable to Law

Therefore your Petitioners humbly Pray that a Stop may not only be put to the Vestrys Proceeding to a New Election but that direction may be given that M<sup>r</sup> John Beall jun<sup>r</sup> may be Admitted as a Vestryman on taking the Oaths directed by Our Act of Assembly. And your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever Pray &c.

Signed by Sev<sup>l</sup> of the said Parishioners

To which Remonstrance the following Answer was preferred

To his Excellency the Governor and the honourable the Council.

The Petition of Henry Addison, Clerk Rector of King George's Alias S<sup>t</sup> Johns Parish in Prince Georges County on behalf of himself and the Vestry of the said Parish