

Lib. C. B. ship Our Zeal in promoting the Honour of this Government and Prosperity of the Country so intimately connected with your Lordships, as well by earnest Endeavours in Our Several Stations, as unfeigned Wishes that a Series of Health and Length of Days to your Lordship may be exceeded only by a Continuance of the Blessings to be derived to Maryland from your Lordships Accession to Its Proprietorship

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Read the following Petition of several of the Parishioners
p. 464 of William and Mary Parish in Charles County

To his Excellency Samuel Ogle Esq^r Governor of Maryland
and to the Honourable the Council

The Petition of Some of the Principal Inhabitants and
Freeholders of William & Mary Parish in Charles
County

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Whereas it appears by the Register of the s^d Parish that in the year 1692 a Subscription was made by the then Parishioners and other Charitable Persons Amounting to the Quantity of 30300 Pounds of Tobacco, 30000 pounds of which was applied to the building, Seating and compleating a Church in the said Parish; And by the said Register it also Appears that in the year 1722, an Addition was made to the said Church and Seated, the Expence whereof was 10000 Pounds of Tobacco which was Paid by a Parish Tax, on the then Inhabitants, and that the said Church and Addition have ever Since their first building been supported and Repaired by a like Tax, as Necessity required; And further by Virtue of An Act of Assembly made and Provided in the year 1750 a large Addition has been built finished & Compleated and necessary Repairs made, and Agreed for to the Old Church, to the Amount of 21500 pounds of Tobacco, One half of which Expences are now Paid by a Parochial Assessment Levied, and made, the other half to be made and Levied the Ensuing year by Virtue of the Act of Assembly a^d, and in Conformity to the Contract the Vestry of the said Parish are under; And as not only the first Part of the Church but both Additions are well furnished with 33 Pews besides two Gallerys for the ease and commodious performing Religious Exercises, none of which have ever yet been Assigned or Alloted to any Particular Person or Persons Family or Familys (the Minister only Excepted) but have remained and been used in common by the Parishioners, and others without any Respect to Persons