

it in the Old Building and contracted with the said Barnes to pay him for Each New Pew 400 £^{w^t} of Tobacco after the building thereof And your Petitioner further sheweth that when the said Pews were finished the Vestry of the af^d Parish by Advertisement in Writing gave Notice to the af^d Parishioners that they would meet on the fourth day of June 1750 and dispose of the af^d new Pews by Lott & at the time appointed for the disposing of the said Pews the Parishioners met and the Doors being open sundry of them went into the Church But the Vestry ordered All of them to withdraw and having cleared the Church of the said People shut up the Doors, and Each of the said Vestry proceeded to chuse a Pew for himself which he thought most convenient and commodious and then acquainted the Parishioners that They and Each of them had chosen a Pew for himself and would proceed to dispose of the remaining Pews, and accordingly did proceed to dispose thereof allowing One Pew to Two Families and exacting for Each Pew 550 £^{w^t} although It was built at the Expence only of 400 £^{w^t} of Tob^o. And your Petitioner further sheweth that the Parishioners of the said Parish being very numerous and the said Vestry taking Each for himself an entire Pew many of the said Parishioners who have contributed to the Charge and Expence of building the aforesaid Addition and repairing the Old Church have no Benefit or Convenience thereby which Proceedings of the aforesaid Vestry your Petitioner conceives are arbitrary & unjust and therefore on behalf of himself and other the Parishioners of the said Parish He Humbly prays that your Honours will take the Premises into your Consideration and give such Redress as shall consist with Justice and Equity

And your Petitioner shall pray.

Signed by 45 Persons

Ordered hearing on Monday the 22^d Instant and that Notice be given to the Vestry to attend at that time and that the Vestry have a Copy of the Petition

At a Council held in the Council Chamber on Monday the 22^d June in the 2^d year of his Lordps Dominion Annoq Domini 1752

Present

The honourable Benjamin Tasker Esq^r President

Upon reading the Petition of Robert Blunt preferred to this Board at their last Meeting, and Both Parties being this Day heard, It is the Opinion of this Board that although the Vestry