

U. H. J. Various in some very good, in some very bad in some none at all. We cannot but aver that most of our Parishes have but a very bare Competency which we are ready to make out by Enumerating particulars & appealing to your Excellency the Honble Council and all the World.

p. 906 We beg your Excellency's Leave to add a Word concerning Library's that It is commonly received by many in England and particularly the Honble Society for propagating the Gospel in foreign parts there is a Library in every Parish yet we find by careful Computation that there are Parishes in this province that neither had nor have a Library

Article 2^d Every Minister is Principal Vestry man in his Parish

Article 3^d We know of none that administer in the sacred Office of the Church without Orders And for your Excellency's full Satisfaction we are ready to produce our Ministerial Letters. Some of us who live most remote from this City pray your Excellency would depute any of your honble Council to inspect them.

Article 4th. We do all profess with one Voice that we have a due Sense of the Lord Bishop of London's Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction here And we will ever do all we can to promote the same as long as It shall please God to continue him to us

Article 5th. The Case of Schools is very bad, Good Schoolmasters are very much wanting, What we have very insufficient And of their being qualified by the Bishop of London's or Governours Licence It hath been entirely neglected

Artic 6th There is a Table of Marriages in every Church and there is a severe Law to prevent incestuous marriages

p. 907 To the 7th and last Article which truly we regard as of the utmost Consequence in Religion we say we have and shall use our best Endeavours in the Exercise of our Functions to discountenance the Sin of Drunkness Swearing and Blasphemy and We pray your Excellency to enjoin the civil Magistrates to see the wholesome Laws of this Province Executed in order to suppress them more Effectually.

To conclude we hope your Excellency will not take it amiss if we add that we humbly think the Penalties anexed to some Laws against certain sins particularly the sin of Fornication too light to Suppress the Sin and that your Excellency would be pleased to propose to the Honble House of Delegates that they would Seek an Expedient against the damnable Sin of Poligamy too rife in this Province

We have appointed a certain number of us to wit M^r Henry