

Lib. C. B. with our holy Religion, or a discipline evidently formed on  
 No. 20 Puritanical Principles and which we shall hardly need to  
 observe to your Lordship, holds such enmity with the forms  
 of Civil Government, as here established that in the End it  
 must of necessity prove destructive to it is not remote. Al-  
 ready do Evils of this Class make an alarming appearance for,  
 owing to the irregular Circumstances of the Clergy and a  
 total want of Discipline a motley variety of Sectaries ever  
 watchful to Seize every prospect of Advantage to themselves  
 are making hasty strides not only to overturn the Religious  
 Establishment but the Civil one also. The Instances are num-  
 erous in which they have avowedly denied your Lordship's  
 right of Patronage, and however futile and undeserving of  
 Notice such an Opinion may be deemed when singly considered  
 yet when viewed in Conjunction with a long train of other  
 opinions of a similar complexion all equally unwarrantable we  
 cannot but think it not beneath your Lordship's Attention, and  
 we trust we shall be thought by your Lordship strictly to be in  
 our Duty and acting agreeably to your Lordship's expectations  
 from us, while thus with all becoming deference we point out  
 Evils that call so loudly for immediate Remedy. This Remedy  
 we beg leave to repeat it can nowhere else be found but in  
 the introduction of Bishops; an object no less interesting to  
 your Lordship's Civil Government and the Welfare of your  
 faithful People than it is to the preservation of our excellent  
 Church. We do therefore with all humility most earnestly  
 implore your Lordship to second and Support our Application  
 to the Throne to have a Bishop sent to America whose influ-  
 ence we are persuaded, will not be less favourable to the  
 Support of Civil Administration than we assure ourselves it  
 will be to the maintenance of true Religion and Virtue. And  
 we do fervently pray to the Almighty the Giver of every good  
 and perfect Gift to Crown your Endeavours with Success

We are for ourselves and Brethren, Your Lordship's  
 The Right hoñble } faithful humble Servants  
 Lord Baltimore }  
 Signed by Order  
 Robert Read, Secretary

My Lord

We take the Liberty of enclosing to your Grace a Petition  
 to his Majesty requesting his Majesty to indulge us with an  
 American Episcopate. To those Reasons which our Con-  
 science dictates for this Application may be added some De-  
 signs of late agitated in this Province relative to ecclesiastical  
 Matters.

The established Church was endowed in Maryland by an  
 Act of Assembly passed in the year 1701, 2, and tho' it has