

U. H. J.
November 2

Saturday Morning November the 2^d 1728.

This House met again according to Adjournment Psent as yesterday

The following petition being read is Ordered to be Entered viz.

To the Honble the Upper House of Assembly

The Petition of the Subscribing Clergy in behalf of themselves & Absent Brethren Humbly Sheweth

That the petitioners came into this Province upon the Encouragement given by the Act for establishing of Religious Worship that they thought themselves secure of the Enjoyment of what that Act allows for their Labours because it had the Royal Assent and Consequently the publick faith and Honour of his Majesty and this province engaged to support it Relying on which they have endeavoured to make some poor Settlement for themselves with an Intent to continue for Life here.

That notwithstanding the premises (they are Informed) that there is an Act past the Honourable the Lower House to cut of one fourth part of the Allowance given by the aforesaid Act which is now before your Honours that they are the more concerned at this because its A Grievous Offence against God in violently taken away part of what they had formerly devoted to him for the support of his Worship and Service and will in its consequences prove destructive to the very being and Constitution of the Church of England in this Province

Your petitioners think themselves in duty bound to represent these things to your Honours and begg that no Act so pernicious in its consequences to the Church may pass. And they will pray

Jacob Henderson Rector of Queen Anns Parish William Mac-koncic Rector of Port Tobacco and Durham Parishes, John Donaldson Rector of King & Queen Parish John Humphreys Rector of Saint Anns Parish James Cox Rector of Westminster Parish Alexander Adams Rector of Stepney

Ordered that the following Endorsement be made thereon viz.

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Imprimis We Answer that this House hath no present views to deprive the Clergy of the Advantage proposed by the Law made in their favour Encouraging them to come into this Province and Propagate the Gospel here to which Act tis said the Royal Sanction hath been given altho at the same time we cannot but Observe the Income of the Several Incumbents at this day is greatly Advanced to what it was at the time of making that Law & Consequently the