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To the Rt. Hon<sup>ble</sup> Char<sup>s</sup> L<sup>d</sup> Baron of Baltimore Absolute Lord &ca

The Memorial of Jacob Henderson Clerk in behalf of the Clergy of the two several Parishes in S<sup>t</sup> Marys & Charles Countys within the s<sup>d</sup> province, that is to say, W<sup>m</sup> Maconchie of Port Tobaco Parish, Clark, & Jo<sup>n</sup> Donaldson of King's & Queen's Parishes in S<sup>t</sup> Mary's County.

Sheweth

That the Ministers in those Countys are generally Aggrieved by an Act of Assembly pass'd in that province at the session began & held in July 1729 & now Transmitted to y<sup>r</sup> Lordship under Seal intituled an Act concern<sup>s</sup> the Parishes in St. Mary's & Charles County.

That the s<sup>d</sup> Act in the life of the sev<sup>l</sup> Incumbents without any Allowance to them, or their consents thereto, Divides & cuts off great part of their Parishes & Incomes, & annexes the same to their Parishes on Pretence to make up a Suitable Allowance for the Ministers of such other Parishes which y<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>r</sup> humbly apprehends is not only injurious to the sev<sup>al</sup> Clergymen who are by that means deprived of their Freehold but extending the Legislative Authority in Maryland to greater lengths than is attempted in Parliam<sup>t</sup> in Great Britain who in such cases never take away the Right of the present Incumbent during his life with<sup>t</sup> his consent

Whereupon y<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>r</sup> humbly prays y<sup>r</sup> Ldsp that the s<sup>d</sup> Act may be Dissented to & totally Repealed.

And y<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>r</sup> shall ever pray &ca.

Jan 17<sup>th</sup> 1729

Jacob Henderson

NB. upon the s<sup>d</sup> petition's being presented & Read, his Ldsp gave a Hearing thereto, & it being proved contrary to the Legislative Authority, & reason, to divide any Living during the Life of the Incumbent without his consent his Ldsp Dissented to the Above-mentioned Act Jan<sup>ry</sup> the 30<sup>th</sup> 1729

p. 7 To the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> Char<sup>s</sup> Lord Baltimore Absolute Lord &ca The Petition of Jacob Henderson Clerk in behalf of himself & the rest of the Clergy of Maryland.

Sheweth.

That the Clergy are greatly aggrieved in Maryland by an Act of Assembly pass'd in that Province at the Session begun & held in Oct<sup>ber</sup> 1728 & transmitted to y<sup>r</sup> Lordship under Seal, intituled an Act Supplementary to the Act intituled an Act for the establishing of Religious Worship in this Province according to the Church of England, & for the maintenance of ministers.

That this Supplementary Act alters & in Effect repeals sev<sup>ll</sup> parts of the former Act & Subjects the Clergy to Penalties & to the Power & final Determination of a single Justice of the Peace relating to