

those Penalties & tends to deprive them of the Common Right of all other Clergymen of being of the Vestry of their Parishes unless y<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>ers</sup> give constant attendance at the Vestry as is by no means necessary & as wou'd be very often prejudicial & Inconvenient to them.

Wherefore y<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>er</sup> humbly prays y<sup>r</sup> Ldsp's consideration of the s<sup>d</sup> Supplementary Act & th<sup>t</sup> the same be Dissented to & totally repealed.

And y<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>er</sup> shall ever pray &c<sup>a</sup>

Jan<sup>ry</sup> the 22<sup>d</sup> 1729

Jacob Henderson

The s<sup>d</sup> petition being presented & read his Ldsp was pleased to hear the s<sup>d</sup> complaint & finding it unjust & a hardship on the Clergy Dissented to the s<sup>d</sup> Act Jan<sup>ry</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1729.

#### His Ldsp's Answer to the Clergy's Address

Baltimore

I am favour'd with your kind Address, and well Pleased with the Confidence you Express of my Care & Protection of the Church, from which I assure you, nothing shall alienate me; and I make no doubt of your good Offices towards Promoting a perfect understanding between the Proprietor & his Tenants; Peace & Harmony being the great Characteristicks of our Mother Church.

To the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> Charles Lord Baltimore, Lord Proprietary of the Province of Maryland.

The Petition of Jacob Henderson Clerk, in behalf of himself & the rest of the Clergy of Maryland.

Sheweth

That several Acts of Assembly were heretofore made & past in that Province for Establishing the Religious Worship, & Settling a suitable Maintenance for the Support of the Clergy of the Church of England, there, which rec<sup>d</sup> his late Maj<sup>ty</sup> K: William's Royal Dissent & Disallowance as improper.

Whereupon his s<sup>d</sup> late Maj<sup>ty</sup> thought fit to Direct his Lords Comm<sup>rs</sup> for Trade & Plantations to prepare here a proper Draught of an Act for these purposes, to be sent over & passed there.

And after the same had been laid before his said Maj<sup>ty</sup> in Council, & some persons who oppos'd it, heard before his Maj<sup>ty</sup> in Co<sup>l</sup>, that Draught by Order in Co<sup>l</sup> of the 5<sup>th</sup> of June 1701 was transmitted to Maryland, & was there Passed by the Gov<sup>r</sup> & Assembly about the 25<sup>th</sup> of March 1702.

And the same being return'd hither was here approv'd confirm'd, finally Enacted & ratified by Order of her late Maj<sup>ty</sup> in Co<sup>l</sup> of the 18<sup>th</sup> of Jan<sup>ry</sup> 1702