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No. 295 $\frac{1}{2}$  And the s<sup>d</sup> Act was printed & dispers'd here as an Encouragem<sup>t</sup> for Protestant Clergyman to go over & Settle there, & accordingly sev<sup>l</sup> such have from time to time gon over & settled there.

p. 19 That the Sole maintenance thereby Provided for the Clergy was 40 pounds of Tobaco (one of the chief Comoditys of the Country) per annum, to be always paid, without charge, by each Taxable person there, from whom it was to be Levied & Collected by the Sheriff & paid to the Minister; amounting to about 2<sup>s</sup> 8<sup>d</sup>  $\frac{1}{4}$  p<sup>r</sup> ann: for each Taxable person.

And which Allowance (upon the best computation that can be made) do's not amount to near a 20<sup>th</sup> part of the Tobaco w<sup>ch</sup> grows there, & the Clergy have no Tithes or Allowance out of any other Comodity; nor had they any House or Glebe appointed for them by that Act, but were yearly to pay 1000 pounds of Tobaco to the Clerk of each parish out of their said Allowance.

That the Clergy continued to receive their s<sup>d</sup> Allowance in Manner as appointed by the Act, until ab<sup>t</sup> Ap<sup>l</sup> 1715, when the Assembly of Maryland past an Act that the Sheriff might Deduct 5 p<sup>r</sup> ct. for Collecting & paying the s<sup>d</sup> Allowance of the 40 p<sup>r</sup> poll.

The last mention'd Act therefore, was a Hardship upon the Clergy, w<sup>ch</sup> however their low circumstances & small Incomes Obliged them to lay still under, as they were unable to seek releif here, at so remote a Distance, & great Expen<sup>c</sup>e as the Affair might require

That this first Step being gain'd upon the Clergy, the next intended Step went a great deal farther, for at the Assembly held in Oct<sup>br</sup> 1728, the Assembly thought proper to pass an Act for Improving their Staple of Tobaco, by the Methods therein proposed.

But in that Act of so general a nature & Concernm<sup>t</sup> there were inserted Clauses (upon Supposition, before Tryal, that the methods they proposed wou<sup>d</sup> produce the effects intended, & w<sup>d</sup> certainly improve the Staple) whereby the Taxable persons, if they paid the Clergy in Tobaco, were to pay the  $\frac{3}{4}$  for the whole, & had their p. 20 option whether to pay in that manner, in Tobaco, or to pay for the whole in mony at the price therein mention'd, being lower than the then current price.

So that, if the Act had it's effect, the Clergy were to have no common benefit by it, but were in all events, to lose at least 25 p<sup>r</sup> C<sup>t</sup> more of their Allowance

But upon y<sup>r</sup> Pet<sup>ers</sup> humble Application to your Lordship then (as now) in behalf of himself & his Brethren, Your Ldsp in y<sup>r</sup> great Justice & regard to the Clergy, was pleas'd not only to Dissent to & Repeal that Act, but also to give Directions that the Gov<sup>r</sup> in Maryland shou'd not consent to any Act, to Alter, Lessen or Diminish the provision made for the Clergy, by the Act so solemnly prepared, past & confirm'd as afs<sup>d</sup> as well as to give the Clergy your