

Ldsp's gracious assurances of your protection, & that you wou'd Suffer no Innovation on their Rights; for w<sup>ch</sup> the Clergy in Maryland will be always bound to return the utmost Duty & gratitude to your Lordship.

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Notwithstanding all which as soon as the Repeal & Directions arrived at Maryland, & directly contrary thereto, the Assembly there thought proper, in May 1730 immediately to reenact, in Substance, the before mention'd to have been repeal'd Act for Improving the Staple of Tobacco, & the said Act (as your Petitioner apprehends) has been lately transmitted to y<sup>r</sup> Lordship & intituled an Act for improving the Staple of Tobacco &c<sup>a</sup>

That had this last mentioned Act confin'd itself to its Title, your Petitioners shou'd not have given your Lordship this trouble thereon, as conceiving that the Amendm<sup>t</sup> of their Staple is what may be very proper for the considerat<sup>n</sup> of the Assembly there, & with which the Clergy have no business to intermeddle.

But what aggrieves y<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>er</sup> & the rest of the Clergy is, that as the former repealed Act took away in all events, a  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the Clergy's revenue, This, in effect, do's little less. For it provides, that the Clergy shall have but  $\frac{3}{4}$  of their Allowance paid them in Tobacco, and as to the other  $\frac{1}{4}$ , the Clergy are to take an Allowance for it at the several stated prices therein mention'd, either in wheat, or in Barley, or in Indian Corn or in Oates, at the Option of the persons paying the same. p. 21

That in order to Obtain & Enforce this Clause upon the Clergy, & as conscious that the same is not warrantable, & cou'd not be supported of it self, the Assembly have crowd'd it into this Act, w<sup>ch</sup> contains gen<sup>l</sup> and perhaps necessary Regulations for the Improvment of their Staple of Tobacco, & w<sup>ch</sup> contains moreover other gen<sup>l</sup> matters of a Public Nature not at all relating to the Clergy, & w<sup>ch</sup> y<sup>r</sup> Pet<sup>er</sup> conceives was calculated for no other End, but that the supposed weight & consequence of the other matters contain'd in the Act, might out weigh your pet<sup>ers</sup> reasonable complaints, & procure a confirmat<sup>n</sup> in gen<sup>l</sup> of the whole Act.

Upon this occasion therefore the Clergy of Maryland are put under the necessity of once more applying to y<sup>r</sup> Ldsp's Justice, & most humbly crave leave to Represent the following matters for y<sup>r</sup> Ldsp's consideration.

1<sup>st</sup> That the Crown was a party, in a very great degree, to the Act w<sup>ch</sup> Establish'd the Religious worship of the Church of England, & the maintenance for its ministers in Maryland, not only as his late Maj<sup>ty</sup> prepared & Transmitted the Draught of the Act thither, but also as it was finally & Solemnly confirm'd, enacted & Ratified by Order in Council after it had been past there; after w<sup>ch</sup> it cannot be in the power of the Assembly of Maryland to alter or Repeal a