

Calvert Paper No. 295 $\frac{1}{2}$ p. 22 Royal order in Council, or that Act either in the whole or in part, directly or indirectly; But as the 40 p^r poll was by that Act directed to be always paid to the Clergy by each Taxable person so it ought to remain & continue.

2^{dly} That if the Clergy were to admit the Assembly had power to alter the Act so solemnly confirm'd, the Assembly may if they see occasion, alter or even take away the whole, or what part they please, of the Remainder of the Clergy's Allowance; & altho y^r Pet^{ers} are well assured they shou'd never want just releif from y^r Ldsp's repeal of such Act, yet the forcing your pet^{ers} to those repeated & expensive applications for that purpose, from year to year, will produce much the same consequence as being depriv'd of their whole maintenance.

3^{dly} That if this matter were within the power of the Assembly, yet what the Assembly have done by this last Act is conceiv'd to be very unreasonable in depriving a Body of People of their Property, with^t their consent, w^{ch} y^r Pet^{ers} conceive is beyond what is ever done by the highest Legislature in the British Constitution.

4^{thly} The Choice given to the people to pay in which of the 4 Grains they please, at the price therein appointed with^t regard to any Alteration of price is another hardship upon the Clergy, who may be paid the $\frac{1}{4}$ of their maintenance in such of the s^d grains as shall be, for the time being, the cheapest & most under the price appointed by the Act.

5^{thly} But if the paym^t were really an Equivalent, & so wou'd continue during the time of the Act, yet even then the hardship wou'd be very great upon the Clergy, who can never be prepared or know, till the very time of Payment comes, what they shall be paid in, & who must afterwards of necessity employ a great part of their time in bartering away their Grain for Rum, & keep a Storehouse at every Parsonage to retail it again; w^{ch} is the only way they can Propose to raise their Quarter of their subsistence.

6^{thly} If what is proposed as an Equivalent were really so, Your Pet^{ers} humbly conceive the Assembly wou'd not have taken such measures as they have, Reenacting what y^r Ldsp had just Repeal'd, & by Tacking it to a public Bill w^{ch} not only concerns the Country, but seems to take some care of y^r Ldsp's Revenue, nor, in such case, can any Sufficient reason be shewn why the People might not retail their grain or dispose of it themselves as well as the Clergy; But if it really be not an Equivalent, as the Proceedings of the Assembly herein seem plainly to Demonstrate, y^r Pet^{ers} Submit whether it shou'd be thus repeatedly attempted to be forced upon the Clergy, against their consent, in prejudice of their property, & in Violation of the aforementioned Act, Order of Council, & y^r Ldsp's pleasure signify'd as aforesaid.