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Markets, so as to make $\frac{3}{4}$, of the Value of the whole; as the Markets do not depend upon Maryland alone for Supply.

p. 25 The last reason given by the Houses for your Lordship's Approbation of the Act, Your Pet^{ers} humbly hope is, of its self, sufficient for the repeal of it; It is, that the Clergy are to have the same prices, for their Grain, as Tobacco Creditors are obliged to receive when they Execute upon their Debtors for Tobacco which they cannot pay; the Houses in this reason alluding to the Act pass'd 1722 w^{ch} is for the relief of poor Insolvent Debtors, who cannot pay their Tobacco Debts in Specie, th^t they may not lay in prison if they have any of the comōdities mention'd to pay y^r Debts in; But, for the Assembly, without any reason, to put the Clergy [on] that foot, with relation to every one of their Parishioners, Solvent or Insolvent, & to make them take their payments in all events, as other persons are forced to do in case of desperate Debts, is so great a Hardship upon the Clergy that they humbly hope, that alone, wou'd induce y^r Lordship, to Dissent to the Present Act.

Y^r pet^{er} therefore for himself & for his Brethren, most humbly prays y^r Lord^{ps} Consideration of the p^mises, & th^t his Agent & Counsel may be heard upon the s^d Act before y^r Ldsp. And that thereupon the s^d Act may be totally dissented to & repeal'd, & the Clergy of y^r Ldp's Province fully releiv'd in the p^{ses}, & th^t y^r Ldsp wou'd in y^r great wisdom free them from any future occasion for these repeated troublesome & expensive applications.

And they as in Duty bound shall
ever pray &^{ca} &^{ca}

Ferd: John Paris
Agent for the Pet^{er} 18th Nov^{ber} 1730

NB All Parties were heard by their Counsel accordingly on the
— 1730 before the Lord Proprietor.

December the 17th 1730, all parties attended before the L^d Proprietor, who Declared his Assent to the Act, entituled an Act for Improving the Staple of Tobacco, & for continuing part of an Act ascertaining the Gauge & Tare of Tobacco hogsheads; & to prevent Cropping, Cutting & Defacing Tobacco taken on board Ships & vessels upon freight; & for laying Impositions on Tobacco p^r the hogshead, for the support of governm^t, & for the encouraging Settlements in this province, by ascertaining the manner of paying his Ldsp's Alienation Fines & Quit-Rents, for the Term therein proposed; & for the taking off the 3^d p^r hh^d formerly rais'd for the Public Charge.

p. 40 His Lordship to the Clergy

Reverend Gentlemen

I have rec^d your's complaining of Injustice done you by the Alteration, in your 40 p^r Pole, made the last Sessions; Your Sollicitor