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PAROCHIAL AFFAIRS

WILLIAM AND MARY PARISH AND ALL FAITHS' PARISH,
ST. MARY'S COUNTY, 1763

[A PETITION, PRESENTED APRIL 19, 1763, FROM THE RECTOR AND VESTRYMEN OF WILLIAM AND MARY PARISH, ST. MARY'S COUNTY, TO THE ASSEMBLY, PRAYING THAT THAT PART OF ALL FAITH'S PARISH, ST. MARY'S COUNTY, WHICH UNDER THE TERMS OF AN ACT OF ASSEMBLY PASSED IN 1748 WAS TO BE ANNEXED, UPON THE DEATH OF THE REV. JOHN URQUHART, THE THEN INCUMBENT OF WILLIAM AND MARY PARISH, BE IMMEDIATELY ADDED TO IT. AS THE REV. JOHN URQUHART WAS STILL LIVING AT THE TIME THIS PETITION WAS PRESENTED TO THE UPPER HOUSE IT WAS PROMPTLY REJECTED. THE MATTER IS FURTHER DISCUSSED ON PAGES li-lij.]

To his Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq.^r Governor of Maryland and the Honourable The Uper and Lower Houses of Assembly

The Petition of the Rector & Vestrymen of William and Mary Parish in S.^t Mary's County most humbly Sheweth

That by an Act of Assembly for the division of S^t Mary's County into four Parishes it was enacted that upon the Death of the Rev.^d M.^r Lawrence Debutts, the Parish of William & Mary shou'd be divided & a Part thereof be annexed to Allfaith Parish at the Death of the Rev.^d John Urquhart Incumbant thereof, upon the death of the Rev.^d M.^r Debutts which happined in the Year Seventeen Hundred & fifty Two the Parish of William and Mary was Accordingly Divided, but as That Part thereof that was to belong to Allfaith Parish, was not to Be annexed thereto until the Death of the Present Incumbant of That Parish, it has not been Accounted part of any Parish since that time The Sheriff haveing Yearly collected the Thirty p Poll from the Inhabitants thereof without Accounting to any Person for the same, it was Also enacted by an Act for Divideing the Parishes in S.^t Mary's County that a Part of Allfaith Parish shou'd be annexed to William and Mary Parish on the death of the Rev.^d M.^r John Urquhart. Your Petitioners Therefore hope that it will appear reasonable to the Honourable Assembly that our Parish (of William & Mary) be Presently Compleated by annexing thereto that Part of Allfaith Parish which will become part thereof at the death of the Rev.^d John Urquhart, and an equal Number of those Taxables (who at Present are not in any Parish) be imediately annexed to Allfaith Parish to which they will belong at the present Incumbant Death Wherefore Your Petitioners most humbly pray that an Act may Pass for that Purpose, as the Number of Taxables

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