

this from the journals alone is not clear. At the same session All Faiths Parish, which lay in both St. Mary's and Calvert counties, presented a petition, the nature of which is not disclosed but doubtless had a bearing on the petition just cited, which was referred by the Upper House to the Lower House where it likewise was rejected (pp. 232, 327, 352). The whole matter is cleared up by a reference to the William and Mary Parish petition itself, which has fortunately been preserved, and will be found printed in the Appendix, together with a list of the petitioners (pp. 573-574). The petition states that by a former act of the Assembly [1744], St. Mary's County was to be re-divided into four parishes with changes in the dividing lines of the old parishes. Under this division a portion of All Faith's Parish was to be taken off and added to William and Mary Parish (*Arch. Md.*, XLII, 606-610). Under the terms of the Act of 1744 it was provided that the part of All Faith's to be thus annexed to William and Mary (although it had been cut from All Faith's upon the death of the Rev. M.^r Lawrence Debutts in 1752) was not to be annexed legally to William and Mary until the death of the Rev. John Urquhart, rector of All Faith's. This did not occur until 1764, a year after the date of this petition. The petitioners declared that as Debutts was dead they therefore now sought to have that part of All Faith's Parish, since the death of Debutts a part of no parish, at once annexed to William and Mary. By doing this, William and Mary would be enabled to collect a poll tax of thirty pounds of tobacco from those inhabitants who at present paid no clergy tax to either parish. The Upper House apparently was unwilling to modify in any way the provisions of the Act of 1744 and make this addition to William and Mary Parish in anticipation of the death of Urquhart, who was still living.

It is to be noted that at the 1765 session an act was passed to tax the inhabitants of All Faiths Parish a total of one hundred and twenty thousand pounds of tobacco, and also to collect an additional thirty pounds per poll to be paid by extra-parochial inhabitants, who by the death of the late rector [the Reverend John Urquhart] became united to all Faiths Parish, to be used for the purchase of one acre of land for the erection of a new church where the old one stands (*Hanson's Laws of Maryland made since MDCCLXIII*; Acts of 1765, chapter v). It was customary when a Parish was divided or when its bounds were altered by an act of the Assembly, that these changes did not go into effect until the death of the then existing rectors. The Reverend John Urquhart had died February 17, 1764, and changes which had been previously provided for in the act of 1744 were now in effect. At the May-June, 1748, session another act had been passed relating to the bounds between All Faiths Parish and King and Queen Parish, adjoining parishes in St. Mary's County, and providing that upon the death of Reverend Mr. Urquhart the number of taxable inhabitants in these two parishes be more equitably proportioned (*Arch. Md.* XLVI; 123, 125).

St. Andrew's Parish, St. Mary's County, was unable to get favorable action at the 1763 session upon a petition, the nature of which the record does not disclose, and upon which action was postponed until the next session (p. 352). An act was passed at the 1765 session, however, authorizing the imposition