

APPENDIX

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PETITION FROM SUNDRY INHABITANTS OF ST. PAUL'S PARISH, BALTIMORE COUNTY, FOR LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY TO HIRE AN ORGANIST, CIRCA 1760-1761

[THIS UNDATED PETITION FROM SUNDRY INHABITANTS OF ST. PAUL'S PARISH, BALTIMORE COUNTY, SOUGHT LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE A TAX OF 8 POUNDS OF TOBACCO ON THE TAXABLE INHABITANTS OF THE PARISH TO HIRE AN ORGANIST TO PLAY "THE VERY GOOD ORGAN" AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH. ALTHOUGH ADDRESSED TO GOVERNOR SHARPE AND BOTH HOUSES OF THE ASSEMBLY, IT APPARENTLY WAS NEVER PRESENTED IN EITHER HOUSE. FROM AN ANALYSIS OF THE SIGNERS IT IS POSSIBLE TO DATE IT 1760-1761. SEE PAGE CVI FOR A DISCUSSION OF THE MATTER.]

To His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq.^r Governor and Commander In Chief in and over the Province of Maryland and To the Honourable The Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly.

The Petition of sundry the Inhabitants of St Pauls Parrish in Baltimore County in Behalf of Themselves and others Humbly sheweth

That having a very good Organ in their church and the Annual Assessment being seldom sufficient for the other Parochial charges they desire An act may pass for the Levying a sum not exceeding three Pounds of Tobacco P.^r Poll Yearly for Hiring an Organist to Play the same.

And your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall Ever Pray

Tho.^s Chase
N. Ruxton Gay
John Moale
W.^m Rogers
J Ridgely
And.^w Buchanan
Mayb.^y Helms Jr.
R.^d Moale
William Sanders
Mbry.^y Helms
William Lock

Jonathan Hanson
William Carter
John m Clure
W.^m Mackubin
Elisha Hall
Joh Reddin
David Gorsuch
Valentine Larsch
Alex.^r Stewart
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