

power of Approving & Repealing the Laws of the said
Province, his Lordship might hear & determine this Complaint,
which his Lordship had engaged to do with all Expedition,
upon the petitioners Application to him, & to grant them
proper Relief: The Lords of the Committee upon
consideration thereof, & hearing what the petitioner
had to object thereto, were pleased to suspend for the
present all further proceeding upon the 1st Complaint.

via Vera

J. Vernon

To the Rt. Honble Char: & Co. Baron of Baltimore
Absolute L^d & Proprietor of Maryland & Avalon

The petition of Jacob Henderson Clerk in behalf of
Himself & the rest of the protestant Clergy of the
Province of Maryland

Sheweth

That the Clergy of Maryland are exceedingly
aggrieved by an Act passed at the Assembly begun &
held there the 3rd of October 1728 w^{ch} bears for its Title
an Act for Improving the Staple of Tobacco, & has, as y^r
petitioner is inform'd, been Transmitted to y^r Lordships
hand, under Seal.

Which Act (as y^r petitioner apprehends) is not only
unreasonable in it self, but also deprives the Clergy of the
Maintenance lawfully & solemnly provided for their support,
& subjects them to several mean & improper Offices & to
grievous penalties, & is of dangerous consequence to the
protestant Religion there established.

y^r pet^r humbly prays y^r Lordship's serious consideratⁿ thereof, & y^t
act may be totally repealed & declared Null & Void ab Initio, & also y^t
circumstances of the said Act, for or against the same, y^t no Act