

To the Rt. Hon. Char: L. Baron of Baltimore Absolute Lord &c.

The Memorial of Jacob Henderson Clerk in behalf of
the Clergy of the two severall Parishes in St. Marys & Charles
Countys within the s^d province, that is to say, W^m. Maconchie
of Port-Tobacco Parish, Clerk, & Fr. Donaldson of Kings &
Queens parishes in St. Marys County.

Sheweth

That the Ministers in those Countys are generally
aggrieved by an Act of Assembly pass'd in that Province
at the session began & held in July 1729 & now Transmitted to y^r
Lordship under Seal intituled an Act concern: the parishes in
St. Marys & Charles County.

That the s^d Act in the life of y^r sev^{al} Incumbents without
any Allowance to them, or their consents thereto, Divides
Cuts off great part of their parishes & Incomes, & annexes
the same to their parishes on pretence to make up a
suitable Allowance for the Ministers of such other parishes.

Which y^r pet^r humbly apprehends is not only injurious
to the sev^{al} Clergymen who are by that means deprived of
their Freehold but is extending the Legislative Authority in
Maryland to greater length than is attempted in parliam^t
in Great-Britain, who in such cases never take away the
Right of the present Incumbent during his life with his consent.

Wherefore y^r pet^r humbly prays y^r Lord that the s^d
Act may be Dissented to & totally Repealed

and y^r pet^r shall ever pray &c.

Jan^y. 17th. 1729

Jacob Henderson

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Upon the s^d petition being presented & read, his Lordship
gave a hearing thereto, & it being proved contrary to the
Legislative Authority, & reason, to divide any Living during
the life of the Incumbent without his consent his Lordship
did the above-mentioned Act Jan^y. y^r. 30. 1729