

To the R^t Hon^{ble} Char^l: Lord Baltimore Absolute Lord & c^o
The petition of Jacob Henderson Clerk in behalf of
himself & the rest of the Clergy of Maryland
sheweth

That the Clergy are greatly griev'd in Maryland
by an Act of Assembly pass'd in that Province at the session
began & held in Oct: 1728 & transmitted to y^r Lordship under
Seal, Intituled an Act Supplementary to the Act Intituled
an Act for the establishing of Religious Worship in this
Province according to y^e Church of England, & for y^e maintenance of Minis^{ters}.

That this Supplementary Act alters & in effect
repeals sev^{al} parts of the former Act & Subjects the Clergy
to penalties, & to the power & final Determination of a single
Justice of the peace relating to those penalties & tends to
deprive them of the Common Right of all other Clergymen
of being of the Vestry of their parishes unless y^r Justices
give constant attendance at the Vestry as is by no means
necessary & as would be very often prejudicial & Inconvenient to them

Wherefore y^r petitioner humbly prays y^r Lordship's consideration
of the s^d Supplementary Act & y^t the same be Dissented to &
totally repealed

and y^r petitioner shall ever pray

Jacob Henderson

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Jan^y. 22^d 1729 The s^d petition being
presented & read, his Lordship was pleas'd to
hear the s^d complaint & finding it unjust
& a hardship on the Clergy Dissented to the s^d Act Jan: 30. 1729

To the R^t Hon^{ble} Char^l: L^o Baltimore Absolute Lord & c^o
The humble petition of John Sharpe of Lincoln's Inn for
on behalf of several of the late practitioners of the Law
in the s^d Province of Maryland
sheweth

That an Act was pass'd in the s^d Province of Maryland
Oct^r 1735, Entituled an Act to restrain the ill practice