

To the Rt Hon^{ble} Charles Lord Baltimore, Lord
Proprietary of the Province of Maryland

The Petition of Jacob Henderson Clerk, in
behalf of himself & y. rest of the Clergy of Maryland

Sheweth

That several Acts of Assembly were heretofore
made & past in that Province for Establishing the Religious
Worship, & settling a suitable Maintenance for the Support
of the Clergy of the Church of England, there, which rec^d
his late Maj^{ty} W. Williams's Royal Dissent & Disallowance
improper.

Whereupon his s^d late Maj^{ty} thought fit to
Direct his Lords Com^{rs} for Trade & Plantations to
prepare here a proper Draught of an Act for these
purposes, to be sent over & passed there.

And after the same had been laid before his said
Maj^{ty} in Council, & some persons who oppos'd it, heard
before his Maj^{ty} in C^o, that Draught by Order in
C^o of the 5th of June 1701 was transmitted to
Maryland, & was there passed by the Gov^r & Assembly
about the 25th of March 1702.

And the same being return'd hither was here
approved, confirm'd, finally Enacted & ratified by Order
of his late Maj^{ty} in C^o of the 18th of Jan^{ry} 1702.

And the s^d Act was printed & dispers'd here as an
Encouragement for Protestant Clergymen to go over & settle
there, & accordingly so^o. Such have from time to time
gon over & settled there.

That the Sole maintenance thereby provided
for the Clergy was 40 pounds of Tobacco (one of the
chief Commodities of the Country) per Annum, to be
always paid, without charge, by each Taxable person