

at the price therein mention'd, being lower than the then current price.

So that if the Act had its effect, the Clergy were to have no common benefit by it, but were in all respects, to lose at least 25 p. Ct. more of their Allowance.

But upon yr petition humble Application to your Lordship then (as now) in behalf of himself & his Brethren, your Lordship in yr great Justice & regard to the Clergy, was pleas'd not only to consent to repeal that Act, but also to give Directions that the Gov^r in Maryland should not ~~consent~~ consent to any Act, to alter, lessen or diminish the provision made for yr Clergy, by the Act so solemnly prepared, past & confirm'd as a^{ss}, as well as to give the Clergy your Lordship's gracious assurances of your protection, & that you would suffer no Innovation on their Rights; for w^{ch} the Clergy in Maryland will be always bound to return the utmost Duty & gratitude to your Lordship.

Notwithstanding all which is now as the Repeal & Directions arriv'd at Maryland, & directly contrary thereto, the Assembly there thought proper, in May 1730 immediately to Re-enact, in substance, the before mention'd ~~Act for improving~~ to have been repealed Act for improving the Staple of Tobacco, & the said Act (as your petitioners apprehend) has been lately transmitted to yr Lordship, & is intitled an Act for improving the Staple of Tobacco.

That had this last mention'd Act confin'd itself to its Title, your petitioners should not have given your Lordship this trouble thereon, as conceiving that the Amendment of their Staple, & what may be very proper for the consideratⁿ of yr Assembly there, & with which the Clergy have no business to intermeddle.

But what aggravates yr petitioners & the rest of the Clergy is, that as the former repealed Act took away