

in all events, a 1/4 of the Clergy's revenue, This in effect, is a little less. For it provides, that the Clergy shall have but 3/4 of their allowance paid them in Tobacco, and as to the other 1/4, the Clergy are to take an allowance for it at the several stated prices therein mention'd, either in wheat, or in Barley, or in Indian Corn or in Oats, at the Option of the persons paying the same.

That in order to Obtain & Enforce this Clause upon the Clergy & as conscious that y: same is not warrantable, & could not be supported of it self, the Assembly have crowded it into this Act, w^{ch} contains gen^l and perhaps necessary Regulations for the Improv^t of their Staple of Tobacco, & w^{ch} contains moreover other gen^l matters of a pubke Nature not at all relating to the Clergy, & w^{ch} yr pet^r conceives was calculated for no other End, but that the supposed weight & consequence of the other matters contain'd in the Act, might outweigh your pet^r's reasonable complaints, & procure a confirmatⁿ in gen^l of the whole Act.

Upon this occasion therefore the Clergy of Maryland are put under y: necessity of once more applying to y: Lord's Justice, & most humbly crave leave to Represent the following matters for y: Lord's consideration.

That the Crown was a party, in a very great degree, to y: Act w^{ch} Established y: Religious worship of the Church of England, & y: maintenance for its Ministers in Maryland, not only as his late Majesty prepared & Transmitted y: Draught of the Act thither, but also as it was finally & solemnly confirm'd, Enacted & Ratified by Order in Council after it had been past there; after w^{ch} it cannot be in the power of the Assembly of Maryland to alter or remove a Royal Order in Parli^{am}.