

either in the whole or in part, directly or indirectly;
But as the 40 sh. poll. was by that Act directed to be
always paid to the Clergy by each Taxable person,
so it ought to remain continua.

2^{dy} That if the Clergy were to admit the Assembly
had power to alter the Act so solemnly confirmed, y.
Assembly may if they see occasion, alter or even take
away the whole, or what part they please, of the
Remainder of the Clergy's Allowance; & altho' yr
petors are well assured they sho'd never want just
relief from yr. L^{ds}'s repeal of such Act, yet the
forcing your petors to these repeated & expensive
applications, for that purpose, from year to year, will
produce much of same consequence as being deprived
their whole maintenance.

3^{dy} That if this matter were within the power of
the Assembly, yet what the Assembly have done by
this last Act is conceiv'd to be very unreasonable,
in depriving a Body of people of their Property, with
their consent, w^{ch} yr. petors conceive to be one what
is ever done by y^r. highest Legislature in the British
Constitution

4^{thly} The Choice given to the people to pay in which
of the 4 grains they please, at the price therein
appointed, with regard to any alteration of price,
is another hardship upon y^r. Clergy, who may be paid
the 4 of their maintenance in such of y^r. 4 grains as
shall be, for the time being the cheapest & most
under y^r. price appointed by y^r. Act.

5^{thly} But if the paymt. were really an Equivalent,
& so would continue, during the time of the Act, yet
even then the hardship would be very great upon