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Clergy, who can never be prepared or know, till the very time  
Judgment comes, what they shall be paid in, & who must after-  
wards of necessity employ a great part of their time in  
bartering away their Grain for Run, & keep a Storehouse at every  
Parsonage to retail it again; w<sup>ch</sup> is the only way they can  
propose to raise their Quarter of their Subsistence.

6<sup>thly</sup>

If what is proposed as an Equivalent were really  
so, your pet<sup>r</sup> humbly conceive the Assembly would not have  
taken such measures as they have, Reenacting what y<sup>r</sup> L<sup>ds</sup>  
had just Repeal'd, & by Tacking it to a public Bill w<sup>ch</sup> not only  
concerns the Country, but seems to take some care of y<sup>r</sup> L<sup>ds</sup>'s  
Revenue, nor, in such case, can any sufficient reason be  
shown why the people might not retail their grain or  
dispose of it themselves as well as the Clergy; But if it  
really be not an Equivalent, as the proceedings of the  
Assembly herein seem plainly to demonstrate, y<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>r</sup>  
submit whether it should be thus repeatedly attempted to be  
forced upon the Clergy, against their consent, in prejudice of  
their property, & in violation of the aforesaid Act, Order  
of Council, & y<sup>r</sup> L<sup>ds</sup>'s pleasure signify'd as aforesaid.

7<sup>thly</sup>

The Upper & lower Houses of Assembly having  
Address'd y<sup>r</sup> L<sup>ds</sup> for y<sup>r</sup> Confirmation of the Act (as appears  
by their printed proceedings) y<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>r</sup> beg leave to return some  
answer to the reasons they offer therefor.

As to the Welfare of the province depending upon  
the Act, y<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>r</sup> think it will have no sort of Weight w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>r</sup>  
L<sup>ds</sup> to confirm this Act of so many various kinds, since y<sup>e</sup> Assembly  
may instantly retract so much as does concern y<sup>e</sup> Welfare of  
the Country, without including y<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>r</sup>; and had they thought  
fit to have don so now, y<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>r</sup> shod not have given y<sup>r</sup> L<sup>ds</sup>  
the trouble of any petition ag<sup>st</sup> y<sup>e</sup> same. But as the Assembly  
did not think fitt to alter & lessen the Clergy's Maintenance  
by a separate Act w<sup>ch</sup> might have stood singly by its self upon  
its own reasonableness or unreasonableness, for y<sup>r</sup> L<sup>ds</sup>'s  
consideration) but on the contrary, altho' y<sup>r</sup> L<sup>ds</sup> had but just  
Repeal'd y<sup>e</sup> former Act, for that reason amongst others, has  
again included the Clergy in an Act, if possible, in a more  
general Act than the former, y<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>r</sup> humbly submit to y<sup>r</sup>  
L<sup>ds</sup> to whom any Repeal of this Act ought to be imputed;