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27th September 1731

Ordered by his Excellency the Governor that the General Assembly which stands —
prorogued to the 30th instant, be further prorogued to the second Tuesday in November
next, being 12th Day of the same Month; Proclamations issued accordingly

30th October 1731

Ordered by his Excellency the Governor that the General Assembly which stands
prorogued to the 12th Day of Novemb. next, be further prorogued to the first Tuesday in
January next, being 4th Day of the same Month; Proclamations issued accordingly

To His Excellency Benedict Leonard Calvert Esq. Governor of Maryland

The Humble Petition of the Churchwardens Vestry and Others the Parishioners of
St. Stephens Parish in Cecil County

Most humbly sheweth: That your Petitioners and the whole Parishioners have for a long
time laboured under the Disadvantage of having had M^r. John Urnston for their Parish
Minister, a Man whose Life and Conversation has been too shameful to mention to your
Excellency, and such as would have rendered a Layman of any Degree whatsoever, ignomi-
nious; that for about these two months past the s^r. Urnston has not exercised any
part of his Ministerial Function, so that the Parish is altogether destitute of a
Minister, and as we imagine Vacant. We therefore most humbly hope your Excellency
will take our Condition into your Consideration and be pleased to induct another Minister

It is with the Greatest Submission your Pet^r. beg leave humbly
to represent to your Excellency that M^r. William Beckett a Clergyman of the Church
of England and a Gentleman of very good Character would accept of the s^r. Parish would
your Excellency think fit to grant him an Induction, which would lay your Petition
under the greatest Obligations of Gratitude, we do pray for your long Life, Health
and Continuance in your present Station.

Signed by the Churchwardens, Vestrymen, & s^r. of the Parishioners

Senore Profectum Nos Johannes Perrispiore Divina Londoni Episcopus rectum
facimus Universis, quod Die Dominico vicesimo Tertio scilicet Die Mensis Septem-
bris Anno Domini Millesimo septingentesimo decimo sexto in Capella infra Palatium nostrum
de Sulham in Com^o Middaxie Nos prefatus Johannes Episcopus antedictus sacros
Ordines