

The large Populations, of the Jews, their having public Churches, and using unwarlike
Means to gain Proselytes.

We humbly conceive the Sum on which you joined your Honr. Bills, for seven thousand,
ten thousand, six thousand, and two thousand Pounds are just, and must had the honour
passed them greatly conduced to the support of his Majesty's just Rights, and our safety.
All which we humbly submit to your most serious consideration.

To the honourable the Lower House of Assembly.
The Petition of the Freemen of Ann Arundell County.
Most humbly sheweth.

That his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects of this Province labour
under great Aggrievances, and Oppressions, which have long called for Redress, and requires
your humbly conceive at this unhappy time, your most serious consideration.

That for the space of twenty three years the Officers of the Proprietary have we conceive
in defiance to his Order levied, and still continue to levy without any Authority as we know
stales on every Kind of Goods exported out of this Province, which Tax amounting to a very
large Sum, the Proprietary converts to his own proper Use.

That many Sines, and forfeitures, appropriated by Act of Assembly for the support
of Government are also received by the Proprietary, and converted as aforesaid whereby all
the Expences of the Government, some of which these Sines &c. were undoubtedly intended to
answer, must be provided for by the heavy Taxes on the People.

These and other Aggrievances, some of which are below mentioned are Burthens too
heavy to bear, and as the present situation of our Affairs demands our utmost Efforts to
repell the Invasion of a powerful and perfidious Enemy, and to guard our selves, against
our inveterate Enemies the Jews, and their Conspiracies.

That as the many Attempts you have made to obtain Bills for the salutary purposes
above mentioned, the appointing an Agent to represent our Aggrievances to the Throne
thereby to procure a final determination of them have proved ineffectual, that you will
fall upon some other Measures, as will best answer the purposes aforesaid, which we
humbly assure your Honours we will support by private Contribution to the utmost of
our Abilities.

And your Petitioners as in duty bound will pray &c.

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Gentlemen,

We have are very seriously considering our unhappy Differences, come to a
Resolution to send home a proper Gentleman or two, as Agents to endeavour to have our
Aggrievances redressed, but think it proper the Matter should take it's rise among the
People, or at least that it should have that Appearance, for which purpose Petitioners
are.