

are putting about in almost every County, I should think there need not a single Argument to  
enforce anything of this sort, therefore shall only say further that a Subscription will no doubt  
be given, and it is at present thought 2000, which will be a sufficient sum of a reasonable  
this might come down by next Friday when the disagreeable Affairs of our best House  
will come on, I may say unreasonable when so many Affairs of the highest Importance ought  
to employ our whole Thoughts, for your Renewal you have copy of a Petition going about  
here for the Purpose, which will serve to strike out from: I am with the most sincere  
Wishes for the Prosperity of Maryland. D<sup>r</sup> Sirs your friend & servant  
M<sup>r</sup> Parle

To the honourable the House of Delegates.  
The Petition of the Inhabitants of County  
Most humbly sheweth!

That we his Majesty's loyal and faithful Subjects, are sincerely grieved  
to find ourselves under an absolute necessity of complaining to you, that we conceive our  
most holy Religion and valuable Constitution, to be in the greatest Danger from the  
Swarms of Jesuits, Priests, and others disaffected to our most gracious Sovereign coming  
among us, and building, and erecting Seminaries, and public Mass Houses, wherein  
with impunity they teach and propagate, their damnable, and heinous Doctrines,  
that we are taxed yearly for the use of the Proprietary of this Province the sum of 12<sup>s</sup>. for every  
Hhd of Tobacco, and 14<sup>s</sup>. for every Ton of Burthen, of all Vessels trading into this Province  
and not properly belonging thereto, without any Law that we know of for so doing, which  
we cannot but think an Encroachment on our Liberties, and Privileges, and that we labour  
under many other Grievances, the Particulars of which it would be here tedious to  
enumerate, as we cannot hope after so many Trials, and Disappointments to have a  
Law assented to, and passed by the other Branch of the Legislature, enabling us to raise  
a Fund for the support of an Agent to lay our case in a proper manner before his most  
sacred Majesty from whom alone we hope for, and expect Relief, and Protection, we  
therefore most earnestly entreat you at this Juncture, as our present Circumstances seem  
absolutely to require it that you would consider of, and fix upon some justifiable  
and legal Expedient for that Purpose, and you may depend on all the Assistance in  
the Power of those who are in duty &c.

Which Petition being read, it is the Advice of this Board to his Excellency, that in his  
Speech at the proroguing of the Assembly, he be pleased to take Notice of the same, and  
it is also thought advisable to send circular Letters to the Magistrates of the several  
Counties of this Province to enquire into all malicious Reports, with respect to the  
Administration of this Government, in order to disquiet the Minds of the People therewith,  
which have or may hereafter be spread, within their several Counties, and in case of