

Resolved that he be not taken till after the decisions -
both Practices from the Conference appointed on the Clergy's
Representation Return the following Report Viz^t -
Maryland &c/

At a Conference appointed by his Ex^{ty}
High & Low^{ty} Houses of Assembly to Conduct on the Representation
laid before the Houses by the Rev^d Clergy of this Province held in
St. Libran on the second day of May Anno: Dom: 1718

Present

The Hon^{ble} { Col^o: William Halland
Col^o: Samuel Young - &
Col^o: Tho: Addison } Members of the upper
House

The Hon^{ble} { Col^o: John Backhall
Mr: Tho: Emerson
Mr: Henry Per Jones
Mr: Nath^l: Dore
Mr: James Loyd &
Mr: W^m: Turbut } Members of the lower
House

Who made choice of William Halland to be Chairman
and of John Beards to be their Clerk.

The Conference adjourns till to morrow morning
Seven a clock -

May 3^o 1718 - The Conference present as Yesterday

In answer to the Representation of the Rev^d Clergy
laid before the upper and Lower Houses of Assembly to remove
Such obstructions as seem to impede the Ecclesiasticall &
Jurisdiction and Authority in this Province of the R^o: Rev^d: the
Lords Bishop of London this Conference think themselves
obliged by their Duty to God to Yield all due obedience to the
Discipline of our Mother Church of England - as by Law - &
established but as this Infant Province has not hitherto had
the Ecclesiasticall Jurisdiction exercised in it and therefore
in a great part stranger to its powers and Authorities of
punishing Crimes and offences whereby we are rendered incapa-
ble to judge how far it may have power to punish those Crimes
that at the same time may be punishable in the Sec^l: Courts of
Law in this Province which (if so) would be very grievous to the
people. The Consideration of which they humbly conceive
will be a work that may require Length of time.

Wherefore they humbly offer the further Consideration thereof
to his Ex^{ty} and the two Houses of Assembly -