

Parts of *England*; to enable a Clergyman to live and appear decently; to employ himself suitably to his Station; to do his Duty in an extensive Parish; and to provide for his Family. His Income would, on a fair estimation, be perhaps thought inferior to that of a Fifty Pounds a Year Curacy in the Mother Country. It is well known, that the Stipend, one Year with another, or compar'd with that of many inferior employments, is a very small Provision; otherwise more Persons in *Virginia*, where Learning is cheap, would give their Sons a proper Education for the Church; and there would have been no Occasion for a late Proposal in the Assembly, to raise a little Fund to be distributed, by way of a Bounty, for encouraging young Natives, duly qualified, to enter into Holy Orders. There are many of the Clergy, who have served here a great Number of Years, that, if they had receiv'd their Legal Dues as the Law stood, without the interposition of the Two-penny Act, could have done no more with them than discharge their arrears on the Books of the Merchants; and might now be glad to give up the Sum in debate, provided the present Assembly, out of their Compassion for unhappy Debtors, would enable them to Pay those Debts, which the late Assembly, out of a like Compassion, depriv'd them of an Opportunity to Discharge; not to go farther than my next Neighbours for Instances of this kind; what Reasonableness or Expediency could there be in taking Ten or Twenty Pounds from Mr. *Davis* and his Family, consisting of a Wife and eleven Children; to bestow this Sum in Charity on Col. *William Digges*, possessed of above an Hundred Slaves, and Lands proportionable; or from Mr. *Warrington* and his Family; to bestow a Charitable Gift on Persons of Col. *Hunter's* or Col. *Cary's* immense Fortunes and Opportunities of Advan-  
tage.