

Calvert 1702 & which was confirm'd by her late Majesty Q: Ann in Council,  
 Paper is entirely cut off, & the remaining 3 parts of their Subsistance is rendered  
 No. 295 $\frac{1}{2}$  precarious, and therefore praying th<sup>t</sup> his Maj<sup>ty</sup> will be pleased  
 to Order th<sup>t</sup> the s<sup>d</sup> Complaint may be examin'd into, whereby not only  
 his Majestys Royal Prerogative, but also the just rights of the whole  
 Body of the Clergy, may be ascertain'd & maintain'd; their Lordships  
 on the 3<sup>d</sup> of this ins<sup>t</sup> took the s<sup>d</sup> pet<sup>n</sup> into consideration, together w<sup>th</sup>  
 a representat<sup>n</sup> of the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Cecil<sup>s</sup> Calvert Esq<sup>r</sup> for & on the behalf  
 of Char<sup>s</sup> L<sup>d</sup> Baltimore his Brother, Setting forth, amongst other  
 matters, th<sup>t</sup> as the said Pet<sup>n</sup> greatly affected his Bro<sup>r</sup>'s Rights & Priv-  
 ileges, as absolute Lord & Proprietor of the s<sup>d</sup> province & particu-  
 larly as to his Right of approving or Repealing the Laws passed in  
 that Province; and th<sup>t</sup> as his Bro<sup>r</sup> was now absent f<sup>m</sup> this Kingdom,  
 & an intire Stranger to such application, & had left no Instructions  
 or Authority with any person to Defend his Right, he therefore  
 prayed th<sup>t</sup> the s<sup>d</sup> petition might not be taken into consideration until  
 his s<sup>d</sup> Brother's Return who was daily expected in England: Where-  
 upon their Ldsp were pleas'd to put off the considerat<sup>n</sup> of the s<sup>d</sup>  
 pet<sup>n</sup> to this day; when my Lord Baltimore's Sollicitor attended their  
 Ldps, & acquainted them that he was just arrived in England, &  
 prayed, th<sup>t</sup> in regard his Lordship as Proprietor, had constantly  
 p. 4 enjoyed & exercised the power of Approving & Repealing the Laws  
 of the said Province, his Ldsp might hear & determine this Complaint  
 which his Ldsp had engaged to do with all Expedition upon the  
 Petitioner's Application to him & to grant them proper Releif. The  
 Lords of the Committee upon consideration thereof, & hearing what  
 the petitioner had to object thereto, were pleased to suspend for  
 the present all farther proceeding upon the s<sup>d</sup> Complaint

Ja: Vernon

To the Rt. Hon<sup>ble</sup> Char<sup>s</sup> & c<sup>a</sup> Baron of Baltimore Absolute L<sup>d</sup> &  
 Proprietor of Maryland & Avalon

The Petition of Jacob Henderson Clerk in behalf of Himself &  
 the rest of the Protestant Clergy of the Province of Maryland  
 Sheweth

That the Clergy of Maryland are exceedingly aggrieved by an  
 Act passed at the Assembly begun & held there the 3<sup>d</sup> of Oct<sup>ber</sup> 1728  
 w<sup>ch</sup> bears for its Title an Act for Improving the Staple of Tobacco,  
 & has, as y<sup>r</sup> petitioner is inform'd, been Transmitted to y<sup>r</sup> Lord-  
 ships hand, under Seal.

Which Act (as y<sup>r</sup> petitioner apprehends) is not only unreasonable  
 in it self, but also deprives the Clergy of the Maintenance lawfully &  
 solemnly provided for their support & subjects them to several mean