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ARCHIVES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

To his Excellcy the Govern: & Counsell & Gen: & Gen: Assembly —

The Petition of the Vestry men of King & Queene Parrish in St Maryes County, Humbly Sheweth —

That Whereas abo: 16 Years Since in ye aforesaid County there was Erected a parrish called King & Queene parrish, in wch was built a Church & Chappell of Ease for wch ye Vestry was allowed 3 Years 40 ℔ poll Accord: to Act of Assembly, yt it never had a Minister indulged into it above 2 Years although, ye 40 ℔ poll was duely Levied Upon the people, ye then Vestry men are dead and gone, & ye 40 ℔ poll for Dught wee cann finde wch them, their being noe Register, how it hath beene disposed, nor have they had any Publique Worshipp in ye Same, Save there two Last Years of ye: Excell: Governor: which Upon Complaint Made — Order'd ye 40 ℔ poll to purchase a Glebe & Order'd a Minister Once in three weeke to preach a Sermon in ye Parrish wch begin on ye: day Hee cann Attend it, & Are & Beene all this time at great Charges when Occasion of ye Necessitous Function of Marriing Christening Burieing & Visiting ye Sick wch many — times they cannot ~~came~~ getts by reason of ye great distance of Ministers & their being & their wayes Imployd in their One parrish that in ye End wee Are forced to Imploye ye Nonconformist preists & P: Forme ye Same or Must Bee Left Undone & now after all this hard Measure done ye Parrish ye worst of it is, yt at a Session of Assembly in 1706 Or their abo: Certaine Gent: in Charles County by false Suggestions to the Assembly yt a Certaine parrish in ye County called William & Mary where of the Mentenance was to Small for their Minister and that, that of King & Queene — parrish was more then Needfull and Under Color of those Untrue Suggestions Obtained an Act to pass for ye Uniting ye of ye parrish called King & Queene, in St Maryes County to ye of William & Mary in Charles County & Under pretext of the Same Lame taken awaye the parrish Church & half ye Mentenance of King & Queene parrish there being not above 18000 ℔ Tob