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into narrower Bounds, or Deviding it; nor is there any means to remove the Latter, but by Enlarging the Church, but that both these are rendred Impracticable to us by some other Difficulties w.ch we shall Take the Liberty of naming to your Honours.

And as to the Contracting or Deviding the Parish in Order to remove the first Difficulty, we Humble Conceive it is attended with Greater Difficulties than what would be removed thereby. We beg Leave to observe to your Hon.rs that the Benefit of this Parish are already so small, that it is but a bare Maintenance for a Single man in a Private Parish, and that, without further Addition, it is no way Sufficient to Support a Clergyman with a family, who, by being oblig'd to reside at the Seat of Governm.t and bearing the Character of a Chaplain to the Publick is unavoidably Expos'd to much greater Expence than the benefits of this parish can Defray. We take Liberty to add, that the Small benefits of the Parish, and the great Expence above mencon'd, have often been the Occasion that this parish has been without a Minister, no Man being willing to Stay in a place, Where he is Necessitated to run in Debt, by Serving the Parish, and attending on the Publick. And that whenever an Opportunity offers of Bettering himself, a Clergyman will be oblig'd by his Necessitys to Embrace it; Which, as we find has been the Case formerly, so we Know no way of preventing it for the future.

As to the Enlarging the Church, whereby the other Difficulty would be removed, We beg Leave to Assure your Hon.rs that were our abilities suitable to our Inclinations, we should be very ready to remove it our selves, without giving any Trouble to this Hon.ble House. But the Constant Expence we have been

oblig'd to be at to Keep the Church, Church Yard, and belfry in repair has wholly rendred us Incapable to do any thing in that matter and we believe that this will be the sense of your Hon.rs When you shall find, by a Computation of the Charge we have been at; which we are ready to offer, what Sums of Moneys and Tobacco have been rais'd & Expended already on that Acc.t

We therefore pray your Hon.rs to Take these things into your Consideration, and to make such Provision, as in your Wisdom shall be judged Sufficient to answer the necessity of the parish, and to maintain the Honour of the publick in the respects above mencon'd

And &c:

Peter Everard, Rich.d Brickles } Church Wardens
John Beale, Benj.n Tasker, John Gresham, Tho.s Bordley } Vestrymen.

1705	Ten p.r Poll of 363 Lay.rs	3630
	Arrears in the Late Sher.f hands.	785
1706	D.o of 414 D.o	4140
1707	D.o of 440 D.o	4400
1708	D.o of 421 D.o	4210
1709	D.o of 436 D.o	4360
1710	D.o of 430	4300
1711	D.o of 426 D.o	4260
1712	D.o of 418 D.o	4180
	Totall Tobacco	34265