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To His Excellency Samuel Ogle Esq.r Governor in Chief in and over the Province of Maryland.

The Honourable His Lordship

The Humble Petition of The Subscribers;

Most Humbly Sheweth

That Your Petitioners Inhabitants of Coventry Parrish part Whereof lyes in Somerset County and part in Worcester County being all Professors of the Church of England as by Law Established, (and Desirous of hearing Divine Service Performed and Sermons Preached, for their Edification as becomes Christians) are Never Wholy Debarred thereof By Means of Capt. John Williams, Capt. John Dennis, Capt. Sampson Wheatly, Mr. Samuel Adams and Mr. William Dutton, Vestrymen and Mr. Collins Adams and Mr. William Smith Church Wardens of said Parrish, denying Your Petitioners the Liberty of the Church, and the Use of Land for that Purpose, Provided by the Parrishoners Contrary as Your Petitioners Humbly Conceive to the Law as Christians and Contributors to the Publick Charges of said Parrish.

Wherefore

Pray Your Excellency and Honours will Graciously be pleased to Your Petitioners into Your Wise and Serious Consideration; And so hear Petitioners may not be Unjustly Deprived of the Sacred Rites and But may have free Access thereto at the Direction of the Rev.d Mr. Allen Acting as becomes his Function In due Subjection to the Canons of England in that behalf Lawfully Established and Promulged.

And Yr. Petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray, &c.