

The proper Satisfaction would have been given by the Subscription of the Clergy individually. That the factious Spirit of the Sectaries has appeared in their daily and openly calling in Question his Lordship's Right of Patronage in disposing of the Donations of this Province your Address gives me the first Information. Indiscretions and Irregularities of another Kind have indeed occurred in some Parishes, but his Lordship's Right has been vindicated, and the Laws are a Sufficient Security to his Lordship and the Persons collated by him; No degree of Support or Assistance is needed from episcopal Authority. How far, and under what Terms the Establishment of an American Bishop may be a Salutary Measure is a Consideration of the most momentous Concern deserving the most serious and mature Attention and being of so great and extensive Importance, I shall take an early Opportunity of laying the Matter before the General Assembly, together with your Address and the Papers attending it. The Motives both of Duty and Inclination will ever engage me to countenance the worthy Ministers of the Established Church, and to support the just Rights of the Clergy of Maryland, holding it at the same Time to be my indispensable Duty to protect all quiet and peaceable Subjects of every denomination in the full Enjoyment of their Rights.

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To the Rev^d Mess^{rs} M^cGill, Addison, Hamilton, } Rob^t Eden.
Rosse, Neill, Reide, Allen, Hughes & Boucher }

The Members of this Board further advise his Excellency, that as an Application for a Charter for providing a Support for the Widows of the Clergy, has been a pretext for the frequent Meetings of the Clergy, to write to his Lordship the Lord Proprietary recommending it to him to postpone the Execution of such Charter, and that should the said Charter arrive before his Lordship can have received such Letters, they advise his Excellency to detain the same in his own hands until his Lordship's pleasure can be further known.

At a Council held in the Council Chamber on Monday the 24th day of September in the Twentieth year of His Lordship's Dominion Anno Domini 1770. p. 123

Were Present

His Excellency Robert Eden Esq^r Governor
The hon^{ble} { Benedict Calvert Esq^r John Beale Bordley Esq^r
Daniel Dulany Esq^r George Steuart Esq^r
John Ridout Esq^r William Fitzhugh Esq^r
Walter Dulany Esq^r