

tended and an American Episcopate seemed in their consultations to be approv'd and wish'd for. Lib. C. B.
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At the present Meeting nine Clergymen were left as a Committee to act for the rest; an expedient absolutely necessary from the distance of their places of abode, and the inconvenience of attending individually; and without this expedient the Clergy would never be able to act at all in a joint capacity; and Business cannot well proceed without a Clerk or Secretary.

That your Excellency was first apprized of any infringement of his Lordship's Right of Patronage from our address is very surprising, and can only be owing to your late arrival in the Province and some neglect of due information. p. 124 Within a few of the last years three formal appointments were set aside in one Parish only by the violence of the People, which we are led at least to attribute in part to the Spirit of Sectaries, as it happened in that quarter of the Country where they chiefly abound, nor have there been wanting persons who have asserted the Right of Patronage itself to lie in the People from whom the revenue proceeds, and if farther Confirmation were necessary some written Authorities could be produced that would put the fact beyond a doubt.

As we receive with all Gratitude your Excellency's declarations that you will countenance the worthy ministers of the Established Church and support the just rights of the Clergy of Maryland, so we cannot but applaud your resolutions to protect all quiet and peaceable Subjects of every Denomination in the just enjoyment of their Rights. The Clergy of Maryland will be the last to persuade your Excellency to depart from a determination so truly Christian; and whilst they continue to hold persecution in just abhorrence, and see without a murmur the dissenting congregations enjoying their full rights under their several forms of religious discipline, they reasonably hope that at least as full an enjoyment of its rights may be extended to the national Church, as to those who dissent from it.

We are for ourselves and Brethren, Sir,

Your Excellency's most obed ^t and most hble Servants	
To His Excellency } the Governor }	H: Addison B: Allen J. Boucher

Annapolis Sept^r 16th 1770. .

Rev^d Sir

Agreeable to an appointment made at our last Meeting in May, the following Gentlemen met: Mess^{rs} Addison, M^cGill,