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SAINT STEPHEN'S PARISH, CECIL COUNTY

[A PETITION, DATED JULY 8, 1760, FROM THE RECTOR, VESTRY, AND CHURCHWARDENS OF ST. STEPHEN'S PARISH PRAYING FOR AN ACT TO VALIDATE CERTAIN IRREGULAR VESTRY PROCEEDINGS.]

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To The Honourable, Upper & Lower houses of Assembly Of the Province of Maryland

The Petition of the Rector, Vestrymen, & Churchwardens of Saint Stephens Parish, in Cecil County.

Humbly Sheweth, That Whereas the Laws of this Province Have Appointed a Particular day for the Electing & choosing Vestrymen & churchwardens, yearly & every year, and Last Easter monday being the prefixed day for Electing. We Your Petitioners could not Attend, on Account of the Small Pox being at the Church at the time, and our families, & selves Several of us not ever having it Looking upon it dangerous, Defered meeting 'til the next vestry day in course, when We met & proceed to make choice of new vestrymen & Churchwardens &c. We therefore pray your Honours make an Act To Confirm &c make good the Preceedings of the said Vestry And to grant us a Limitation of some days for the future To make our Election least some weather or Sickness Should Prevent our meeting on one Prefixed day ~~for the future~~ Also To Confirm our List of Batchelors fines made out this day And your Petitioners Will pray &c.

July 8.<sup>th</sup> 1760

Henry W: Pearce  
Nath.<sup>l</sup> Hynson

~~H. Jones Rect<sup>r</sup>~~  
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Berthw Cherington  
John Stockton  
James Wroth  
James Coppin  
John Ward