

And whereas by a late act of Assembly of our Province P. R. O. of Maryland Entituled an Act for Establishment of Religious Worship in this Province, accordeing to the Church of England, and for the Maintenance of Ministers, It is amongst other things Enacted and ordained, that the Vestrymen of Each Parish, and other persons shall before their Entring upon their respectiue offices, subscribe the Association made, and mentioned in an act made, in the Seaventh yeare of the Reigne of his late Majesty William the third, Entituled an Act for the better secureing his Majestyes royall pson, and Governement. But whereas by the Death of the late King James, and by the decease of his late Majesty King William the third the subscrieing the said Association is not necessary to be any longer continued, such part thereof as relates to the Support and Defence, and Succession of the Crowne therein mentioned, being more fully provided for, by the aforesaid oath in aforementioned act Entituled an act to declare the alteraons in the oath appointed &c. and its accordinglye thereby Enacted, that so much of the a<sup>d</sup> act, of the Seaventh yeare of his late Majesty King William the third, as relates to the said association therein contained, or the requireing any officer, or other psons in the said act mentioned to Subscribe the Same, or the Enacting any forfeitures, penaltyes, incapacities, or Disabilityes upon any person for the neglect, or refusall to subscribe the same, or that requires any Court or Courts to tender the said Association be and are declared to be void and of noe Effect, to all intents and purposes whatsoever, You are therefore to moue the generall Assembly of our Province of Maryland that an act be there passed in like Mann<sup>r</sup> to declare the Association to be Determined, and to Annull the obligaōn that lyes upon any pson there to take the Same, either by the forementioned act Entituled an Act for the Establishm<sup>t</sup> of Religious Worship in this Province, accordeing to the Church of England, and for the Maintenance of Ministers or any other act heretofore passed in our said province whatsoever, and that itt may be the better understood what act and Laws are in force, in our said Province of Maryland you are with the councill there to take care, that all Laws now in force be revised and considered.

And if there be any thing either in the matter or Stile of them, which may be retrenched, or altered, you are to represent the same unto us with your opinion touching the said Laws now in force (whereof you are to send a compleat body unto us, and to our Com<sup>rs</sup> for trade and plantations with such alteraons as you shall think fitt, to the End our approbation or Disallowance may be Signified, there upon