

The Petition of Benedict Leonard Calvert to the King. P. R. O.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty

The humble Petition of Benedict Leonard Calvert Son of Charles Lord Baltimore

Sheweth

That he having for some years expressed to severall, his Inclinations to become a member of the Church of England, determined in November 1713, to declare himself so, and accordingly soon after publicly renounced the Romish Errors, and received from the hands of the Bishop of Hereford, the blessed Sacrament of the Lords supper, in the Church of S<sup>t</sup> Anne Westminster.

That the Lord Baltimore his Father (whom he had some time before acquainted with his Resolutions) resented this So much that he withdrew four hundred & fifty Pounds p<sup>r</sup> annum of what he had for severall Years allowed him, which he (a little before yo<sup>r</sup> Petitioners changing his Religion) assured him (by a letter under his own hand) he intended to continue.

That by this unkindness of his Father yo<sup>r</sup> Petitioner was reduced to live upon his marriage settlement, which is but Six hundred Pounds p<sup>r</sup> Annum, & out of which he allows his Wife two, for seperate Maintenance.

That yo<sup>r</sup> Pet<sup>r</sup> hath Six children, four Sons & two Daughters, all which his Father Educated, & at his own charge maintain'd in Popish Seminaries abroad, without any deduction, either from the monys arising from his marriage settlement, or the Four Hundred & Fifty Pounds p<sup>r</sup> annum above mentioned.

That yo<sup>r</sup> Pet<sup>r</sup> immediately after his changing his Religion, sent for his children, and placed them all in and about London at protestant Schools, where they now are.

That her late Majesty was Graciously pleased, out of her Royall Bounty, in Consideration of yo<sup>r</sup> Pet<sup>r</sup>'s hard usage from his Father, & his slender Fortune during his Father's life, to grant him a Pension of Three hundred Pounds p<sup>r</sup> Annum, For the maintenance of his Children during the life of his said Father, who is Eighty Five Years old, & longer than his Father's life yo<sup>r</sup> Pet<sup>r</sup> neither did, nor doth desire any Pension.

That (at yo<sup>r</sup> Pet<sup>r</sup>'s request, & that he might have some Farther relief in his p<sup>r</sup>sent Circumstances) her Majesty was also pleased to appoint Captain Iohn Hart, Nephew to the p<sup>r</sup>sent Arch Bishop of Tuam who had served severall Years both in Spain & Portugall Govern<sup>r</sup> of Maryland, who out of the Proffits thereof has obliged himself to render yo<sup>r</sup> Pet<sup>r</sup> the sume of £500. p<sup>r</sup> Annum.