

By his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> the Gov<sup>r</sup> and Council in Assembly  
May the 18th, 1705

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To the protestants of Maryland

My friends

I have thought fitt to Advise You to take Care in time to Defend Yourselves from that Wicked Contrivance of Darnall & the Popish Priests in their agreeing with the French and other heathens to destroy You all The Proceedings of Maryland are Easily brought to us over Potowmack River can any people think that the Queen sent a Governour amongst you to be Ruled by Darnall or any other Papists We hear that an Act of Assembly was made ag<sup>t</sup> the Popish Priests to blind the people but how long was it before they had their Liberty and the Protestant Ministers silenced, have a Care of a Popish Plott least you have Cause to Repent when it is too late this from a friend is all att present.

The above is a Copy of a Scandalous Seditious Libell published in S<sup>t</sup> Mary's County to the great dissatisfaction of her Ma<sup>ty</sup>s Loyal Good Subjects but more especially with a Milicious Intent to render the Administrations of the Governmt here odious and suspected You cannot but Remember that what was done in Order to checquing & Restraining the Extravagancys of the Popish Priests Came first from Your house and had the Ready Assent of his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> & this Board so likewise what was done last Sessions in Suspending the Execution thereof for 18 months was first moved in your House and Represented by You as Reasonable to this Board wherefore wee doubt not your Candour in publiqly Resenting so Base and unjust an Abuse and Calumny of his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> & This Boarde as by the said Libell is Offered ag<sup>t</sup> them.

Signed p Order W Bladen Cl Counll

M<sup>r</sup> Muschamp and Eleven other Members bring from the house the following Answer to his Ex<sup>ncys</sup> Speech, viz.

By the house of Dellegates  
May the 18<sup>th</sup> 1705

May it please Your Ex<sup>ncy</sup>

Wee her Ma<sup>ty</sup>s Dutiful and Loyall Subjects the Representatives of the Severall Countys of her M<sup>aty</sup>s Province of Maryland now Convened in a Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly do give Your Ex<sup>ncy</sup> our hearty thanks for your Gracious Speech made to us at the Opening of this Session and do Assure Yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>ncy</sup> that wee are now & shall bee at all times ready to the uttmost of Our abilities to Joyn with your Ex<sup>ncy</sup> and the hon<sup>ble</sup> Council in