

Lib. J. R. October 1756. to a Soldier from the Garrison at Fort Cum-  
& U. S. berland.

p. 137 This Informant says that he is between 22 and 23 years old, that he is a Roman Catholick, and was born of Roman Catholic parents near Naaman's Creek and about ten Miles from Marcus Hook in the province of Pensilvania, that except about four years which he spent in the Jersies he always resided in Pensilvania 'till August 1754. when he rambled into this province to see the Country, and two or three Days after he came hither he was employed by one James M<sup>c</sup>Donald an Irish Catholic in Baltimore County with whom he worked for hire about a Month at Plantation Business, and that he also boarded with him during that time that while he lived with him M<sup>c</sup>Donald carried him to a Romish Chapple near Deer Creek where one Priest Neale officiated, and that as they were returning M<sup>c</sup>Donald told him that he had heard at Chapple, that the Legislature was about to make a Law to disarm the Catholics, prevent their going to Mass, and to lay them under many severe Restraints as the Catholics were in Ireland, that priest Neale afterwards came to M<sup>c</sup>Donalds while the Informant worked there to christen his Child Susannah and that he happening to come in from the ffield for some Drink just after the Ceremony was bid to sit down by M<sup>c</sup>Donald the Priest Thomas Burgen and Darby Tool being also in the Room, that while this Informant sat there, the priest told the rest of the Company that a Body of ffrench had he heard attacked and defeated Colonel Washington at a place called the Little Meadows between Virginia and the Ohio, and that after killing a great many of the English they had been merciful and generous enough to let the rest retire & carry off their wounded though they could easily have cut them all off without any Loss on their Side, that the priest thence took Occasion to enlarge much on the Power, Riches, Valour and Generosity of the French Nation and said that he believed if the English had been victorious, the ffrench would not have been treated with such Lenity and Tenderness; that M<sup>c</sup>Donald and Tool said they believed it would be better for the Roman Catholics of this province if it was subjected to the ffrench Government, and asked M<sup>r</sup> Neale what he thought of that Matter. that the priest answered he did not know but it might, and said that he thought any young people who had no Plantations or ffamilies, would do well in going to the Settlements that the ffrench were making to the Westward, and that he was persuaded they would be kindly received and well treated. the Informant saith that this Discourse made such an Impression