

L. H. J. I Refused Indeed to Comply with both these his Demands, as being Expressly Contrary to the Laws of the Province, and Surely I am Excuseable also in point of Policy for so doing, for I should have been by so Servile a Compliance, reduced to the Dispicable Circumstance of Applying to him for my Bread by Craving of him that Appointment, their Lordships were pleas'd to Nominate for my maintenance, and also been guilty of betraying this Country into the hands of a man who by Principle is an Enemy to the Protestant Constitucōn, and this too at a time when the Rebellion was Scarcely Suppressed in Great Britain and other Invasions threatned to destroy it.

This person not only renewed his demand of the money mentioned for the Support and defence of the Government in his Letter of the 9th October 1716 but had the Confidence therein to Caution me against passing some Laws the Assembly then Sitting had prepared for my assent I shall only mention one Law I Did, notwithstanding his Insolent advice then pass Viz.

An Act for the better Security of His Lordship's Govern- ment and the Protestant Interest within this Province.

The first Publick Occasion this Person Exerted his Commission on was to discharge two Criminalls out of Prison (one of them his Nephew) who had been Informed against for firing the Great Guns on the tenth of June, but Convict of more heinous Crimes against his Majesty, and this he did Contrary to the Judgment of the Court of Oyer and Terminer held on that Occasion, which Obliged me to Remand them to Prison, untill the fines adjudged were Complied with, and Immediately Sent for M^r Carroll and Tenderd him the Oaths which he refused to take, for which reason I Required him to Act on his Commission that part only which related to his Lordship's private Estate ffor that it was a Publick Affair, and more than unreasonable, that a Profest Papist Shou'd Set
p. 8 Criminalls at Large, who were convict of so great Crimes against our Sovereign, by only giving a Line to the Sherife that the Lord Proprietor was Satisfied as to the fines Imposed.

Severall Commissions were brought in by M^r Carroll, some filled up to Papists and others in blank and on my refusing to Admitt the Surveyors Generall of the Eastern and Western Shore, without first takeing the Oaths appointed by Act of Assembly, I was not only menacēd for having thereby Shutt up his Lordship's Land Office; but Even Insulted on my Sick bed at a late hour of the night when in a Dangerous State I was making my Will as some Honourable Gentlemen can Testify, whom I desired to be Witnesses on the Occasion.