

On my application to their Lordships to be removed from this Station, rendered unsafe and dishonourable whilst those Commissions had force, their Lordships in due time, withdrew those Commissions, and Placed them in the hands of Protestants and required me to remain in my Station, Acknowledging they were Surprized into their former Grants to papists. L. H. J.

Mr Carroll was Examined by me in Council concerning his Imposing on their Lordships (then unexperient in the Affairs of Maryland) by obtaining such a Commission (which contain'd more unlawfull powers, than are yet mentioned) who was so farr from Acknowledging his faults of so high a nature that, with a Haughty air he Insisted the Roman Catholicks had a right to hold Offices and if th<sup>t</sup> Right should be denied them, they would appeal to Higher Powers.

Pursuant to this Declaration the Papists, as I am well Informed, Raised Contributions and Sent their Emissaries for Great Britain to make good their claim, and by all means, to Endeavour my remove from this Station as a main obsticle to their Illegal Practices, and so sure was the Faction of their Game that my ruine was openly threatned, and one of their accomplices (whome the Pleasure of Providence has Since removed to Another Life) went Down on his knees, and with a horrid Execration said, he did not Doubt to see me as fast in Prison as ever he was (who had been so for Murder and Other Crimes) and my Innocent children Set a begging. Truly this unhappy man aided by the Faction, did all th<sup>t</sup> a base mind could Perpetrate, to Destroy my Character and fortune. But as he and the Papists could alledge nothing Materiall for my Removall, which they have attempted for Some Years past and my Greatest Crime (in their Construction) being the Defence of Your Laws, Providence has hitherto preserved me from being wholly offered up a Sacrifice to their Revenge, but it would take up too much of your Time to enumerate the particulars of their Resentments, so shall only Observe to you, If their fury has been So outrageous to the Person of your Governour, what must the people have Expected from men of such Virulent and Implacable Spirits, could they gain their ends, on those they esteem Hereticks p. 9

How Surprizing will this appear if Properly Represented, that Such things were acted under the Auspicious Reign of his Sacred Majesty King George the Guardian and Defender of the faith, and in the Government of a Lord Proprietor who has so often profest himself of the Protestant Religion under the Tuition of his noble Guardian, always of that perswasion.

How happy might those of the Romish Communion be in Maryland, had they accepted the terms offer'd by me in a pub-