

insinuations with which they endeavour to I pray on the Minds
of the good people as if there was neither Law nor Justice to be had
under my administration.

Mr. Canoll who is a profest papist, and the first promoter
of our late Disturbances, having acquired a vast Estate in this Province
by the Offices he formerly employ'd, and his practice in the Law,
not contented to enjoy this affluence of Fortune with more Indulgence
here then he could expect in a nother part of his Majesties Dominions
must needs add the Ambition of Rule to his former — *Gentlty* —

Pursuant to his Design some time before he made his last voyage
to great Britain he shew'd me a Representation which was to be presented to their
Lords^{sh} on behalf of the Roman Catholics of this Province importing *th* their
Prayers to be restored; to w^{ch} they alleg'd was their right of being Qualify'd for
Officers in that Government as they formerly had been upon the view of
this Representation — I plainly told Mr. Canoll *th* it was against the
Laws of Great Britain, and the acts of Assembly of this Province, and I would
oppose it to the utmost of my power.

Mr. Canoll observing with what Surprize and Indignation I
receiv'd his motion he told me it should not be offer'd to their Lords^{sh} and
desir'd me to be silent on that Representation which I promised to be
divid'd he dropp'd all thoughts of offering it. being afterwards Credibly
informed; that Mr. Canoll had offer'd *th* Representation (tho' it
had not its desired Effects) to their Lords^{sh}. I have since told
Mr. Canoll of his unfaithfull Dealings on this account before
severall Members of the Upper House, He acknowledg'd he had
given the Representation, but it did not import, that the Roman
Catholics might be qualify'd for Employments but that they might
be unqualify'd for them — — so poor and Jesuitical an Evasion
wants no Remark —

I then demand'd of Mr. Canoll by what Claim of Right,
did he offer *th* Representation for *th* by the Laws, *th* Roman Catholics
had no Intention to hold Ministeriall Officers without Qualifying
themselves for them, he answer'd that they Claim'd from an
Instrument Granted by the Lords beccilius, but that he believ'd it
was burnt in the State house — and that they (the Roman Catholics)
would insist upon the right, and then added (with great Vehemence)
th if my Lords Guilford wou'd not admit of their right, they would
apply to higher Powers —

Gentlemen /

It is obvious to all (who are not willfully
blind) w^{ch} Steps the Roman Catholics were taken to Introduce them
selves again into the administration of this Government but being