

been annually collected, on the former Establishment, with the sumes that have been paid his Lordships Agent, since the commencing this act that lays the two Shillings on each ^{lb.} exported, by which his Lordship may the better judge of his friends, and of the truth of this position you have time before you, and it is the concern of every freeholder that falls under your Circumspection in this particular.

I am Commaunded by his Sacred Majesty's instructions to take Care that Trade in all its branches be duly regulated in this Province.

I do therefore in his Name recommend it to you, that the ascertain-
ing the Usage and tax of your Tolls should be not in any wise neglected on the Expiration of the present acts.

Gentlemen!! The Claim made by the Papists of a right to all offices in this Government in Equal degree with the protestants, seems still to be kept on foot by them - Tho' some few there are and very few of that persuasion whose prudence renders them more cautious, yet I observe they all forbear making any renunciations of their pretensions, and altho' the many defeats they have met with during my administration, may have discouraged them from an open procedure, yet it is highly probable they wait a more favourable conjuncture to put their designs in practice.

Their attempts have already given great uneasiness and heartburnings to his Majesty's faithful Subjects here, and in particular created to me, your Governour, much trouble and inquietude, I can truly say my life has been uncomfortable, from that period I first rejected their projects, and am now become a memorable Instance of the Effects of Popish Malice.

I am informed there have been late affronts and insults offered by papists and their adherents to others in Authority who fall not into their Measures; by which it seems to be their Resolution to Endeavour not only by secret Calumnies but even by violence to terrify all good men from opposing them.

I take it therefore to be absolutely necessary to place their Machinations in so clear a light, as I hope will for the future silence their clamours or expose those disturbers of the Publick's tranquility to the lash of those laws, that were long since provided against them.

I shall not now entertain you with an Historical relation of obtaining the first grant of this Province nor yet mention the administration of the government under the late Lord Propriety. believing it will suffice that I acknowledge - the papist had more than an equal share with the protestants in holding judicial