

Your Committee humbly conceive, That sending Children into foreign Popish Seminaries for Education, is against Law; and that endeavouring to and perverting any Subject to the Church of *Rome*, is likewise illegal; and that such and other Practices of the Papists within this Province, tend to endanger the established Church and State therein, and therefore require Redress: But is humbly submitted to the Consideration of your honourable House.

Signed per Order, WILLIAM WILKINS, Clerk.

To which Report the following Papers were annex'd, *viz.*

WE the subscribing parochial Clergy, whose Names are subscribed, are informed of the following Particulars, which we humbly offer to the Consideration of the honourable the Committee of Grievances.

1^{stly}, That several Popish Schoolmasters do publicly and openly keep School, and teach Protestant Children, to the great Danger of corrupting their Principles, and giving them an early Inclination to that Communion.

2^{dly}, That not only many Children of Popish Parents, are sent to be educated in foreign Seminaries, but that there is a known Instance of Papists endeavouring to influence a Protestant Father, to send his Children to *St. Omer's*.

3^{dly}, That the Endeavours of the Popish Priests to withdraw our People from the Communion of the Church of *England*, and the illegal Methods they take to effect their Purposes, appear from an Instance of a Priest in *Charles County*, who being applied to by a young Couple for Marriage, who had been published by him in his Chapel, the Man a Papist, the Woman a Protestant, and finding the Woman inflexible to his Persuasions to turn Papist, turned them both violently out of the Chapel, in the Presence of the Congregation; and from a Practice said to be common with them of obliging the Protestant Party married by them to one of their Communion, to give a solemn Oath, That the Children of that Marriage shall all be brought up Papists.

4^{thly}, That their public Preaching is so notorious and unreserved, That there are known Instances of their Preaching publicly to large mixed Congregations in *Port Tobacco Court House*, in *Charles County*.

5^{thly}, That several Dissenting Teachers of various Sects and Denominations, do, contrary to the Laws of this Province, preach publicly, without taking the Oaths to the Government.

THOMAS CHASE,
HUGH DEANS,
THOMAS CRADOCK,
JAMES MACGILL,
WILLIAM BROGDEN.

ABOUT two Years ago, *Mr. Turner Wootton*, of *Prince George's County*, told me, That *Mr. Basil Waring*, a Papist in the same County, endeavoured to persuade him the said *Mr. Wootton*, to send his Son *Thomas Wootton* to *St. Omer's* to be educated. *Mr. Wootton* (I thought), seemed at that Time, a little inclined to hearken to his *Mr. Waring's* Advice, on Account of the Cheapness and Goodness of Education there, as *Mr. Waring* pretended. *Mr. Wootton* has lately mentioned the same Thing to me, but with some Expressions of Dislike

WILLIAM BROGDEN.

October 25, 1753.

IHAVE heard it reported, That a Priest in *St. Mary's County*, upon marrying of a Couple, the Man a Protestant, the Woman a Roman Catholic, swore the Man, before he would marry him, That he should bring up his Children in the Romish Faith.

SAMUEL CLAGETT.

October 25, 1753.

M*Mr. Francis Waring*, of *Prince George's County*, Gentleman, aged thirty eight Years, or thereabouts, being sworn on the holy Evangelists of almighty God, deposes and saith, That about nine or ten Years ago, *Mr. Richard Marjham Waring*, of the same County, Gentleman, died, and left four Sons, three of which he directed, by his Will, should be brought up in the Roman Catholic Faith, by their Mother, who was a Protestant; but if she neglected or refused so to do, then their Uncle, *Basil Waring*, was directed to take them, with their Fortunes, and bring them up agreeable to the said Will; their Mother lived four or five Years after their Father's Death, and during her Life carried them to the Protestant Church, during which Time, their Uncle never offered to meddle with them; when she died, *Basil Waring* then took the Children, but a Dispute arising about the Child that was not directed to be brought up a Papist, *Mr. Henry Harckins*, of *Charles County*, their Grandfather, thought he had a Right to take him, and to see to his Education, on which he applied to the County Court, but they directed *Basil Waring* to take him, with the rest of his Brothers; since that, he has sent the eldest Son, *Richard*, to *Saint Omer's*, for his Education, and has shewed this Deponent several Letters that he has received from him, the first Letters he seemed much pleased with being sent there, and afterward, writes very pressing to be taken away, upon which, I asked him what he would do about it? he told me in answer, that he would not force him to stay contrary to his Inclination,

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