

but would Order him to be brought away immediately, though he had paid for a longer Time than he had been there : Soon after he shewed me another Letter from him, wherein he says he is very well pleased with his Situation, and desires he would not send for him till his Time was out at School.

October 27, 1753.

FRANCIS WARING.

Taken before me, THOMAS JENNINGS.

**T**HOMAS GREAVES, of Saint Mary's County, Carpenter, aged sixty three Years, or thereabouts, being sworn on the holy Evangelists of almighty God, deposeth and saith, That *Mary*, the Wife of *William Snowden*, told him this Deponent, that the Roman Catholics, in *Maryland*, did raise Money for the Use of the Pretender, in the late Rebellion, and that she, the said *Mary*, had paid Ten Shillings to that Purpose, and that he understood by her, that they the Papists had all contributed to that End, viz. towards carrying on the Rebellion against King *George*. That he observed, at that Time, the Papists, in *Saint Mary's* County, judged themselves so numerous, that they said they were sure that they were Man to Man against the Protestants, and that the Papists very frequently said, they would wash their Hands in the Blood of Protestants, and that they would soon preach in *Chaptico* Church, which is a Parish Protestant Church, in the said County, and that all the Protestants would be damned, for that there was no Salvation out of the Church of *Rome*, and that in that County, the Papists, as well as their Priests, endeavour to pervert the Protestants in that County, as also the Negroes of Protestant Inhabitants, insinuating to them Damnation if they do not follow their Doctrine. This Deponent further saith, That one *Molyneux*, a Jesuit, who resided at *Port Tobacco*, in *Charles* County, and who was Chief of the Jesuits at a House there, and over all the rest in the Province as he judges, was often absent from his said Place of Abode, and as this Deponent understood from one *William Fletcher*, who lived with one *Livers*, a Jesuit, in *Saint Mary's* County, the said *Molyneux* was gone back in the Country, but how far he did not well understand, but that it was among the *Dutch* or *French*, and that by the Neighbourhood, it was supposed he the said *Molyneux*, was gone among the *French*; that upon the said *Molyneux* his next Return, he brought with him a Person who was affirmed to be a Priest, and who this Deponent saw, but did not understand his Language, but believes it to be *French* or *Dutch*, as he was informed he could not talk *English*; that, in the Time of the late Rebellion, this Deponent saw three well dressed Gentlemen, whom he took to be *Frenchmen*, coming from *Mr. Livers* the Jesuit his House, and that they had been there two or three Days, as he understood; that at the said *Livers* his House, there are always two or three Priests, or Jesuits, who have a public Popish Chapel there, as also two more within the Space of four Miles off this Deponent's House; that *Mr. Livers*, the Jesuit aforesaid, was about an Agreement with this Deponent to undertake to build a Popish Chapel, in *Saint Mary's* County, but offered him too little to compleat it; that *James Thompson*, a Papist, also *Messieurs Sligh* and *Lancaster*, Papists also, who projected the Building, treated with this Deponent about it; that *Thompson* told this Deponent, that *Philip Key*, Esq; and *Mr. John Bond*, were to give Five Hundred Pounds of Tobacco each, towards building the said Chapel, which Tobacco was to be in Part of the Consideration for building the Chapel aforesaid, but that there wanted One Thousand Pounds of Tobacco more, which was the Reason he did not undertake the Building aforesaid: That, to the best of his Knowledge, in the Neighbourhood where he lives, there are two Papist Families for one Protestant one, and in the Time this Deponent has lived there, which is Forty Years, has known many perverted from the Protestant Religion, by the Industry, and artful Endeavours, of the Jesuits, and Romish Laity, that the general Opinion of the Catholics is, that whoever converts a Heretic will save his Soul alive, and that the Protestants ought to be destroyed, that he believes if the Protestants were not well secured by good *English* Laws, the Papists would soon cut off all that they call Heretics; and this Deponent further saith, that *Margaret*, the Widow of one *John Greaves*, deceased, who were Protestants, hath, since his Decease, married one *Peter Pain*, of *Saint Mary's* County, a Roman Catholic, that she the said *Margaret*, and many other credible Persons, have told him, this Deponent, that she is constantly applied to, in order to pervert her from the Protestant Religion, and that although her said Husband hath many Horses to spare, he will not suffer her to have one to go to the Church of *England*, the Parish Church of which is about five Miles distant from his Plantation, that the said *Margaret*, to his Knowledge, has walked twice to the Parish Church aforesaid, for Want of a Horse; and this Deponent, likewise, further saith, that all or most of the Servants that come into *Saint Mary's* County, that are bought by Papists, are generally seduced, by the Jesuits or Papists, to become of their Religion, by Mears of which, and other artful Contrivances, he is convinced, the Papists greatly increase in their Numbers. That chief of the Schoolmasters where he lives are Papists, and teach the Children of Protestants publicly, and that one of the Magistrates; in the said County, sends his Children to the School of such Papists, and that he has known three Papist Schoolmasters in his Neighbourhood, within the Space of three or four Years last past; and further saith not.

October 26, 1753.

THOMAS GREAVES.

Taken before me, ROBERT JENCKINS HENRY.

THOMAS