plot or evade a cursed Plott almost ripe for Execution which Lib. C. B. may prove fatal to this Province in general: I would not have it thought that I absent myself to conceal any part of the Plott, for God knows I am in a Disposition to make a full discovery, if I dare to appear, but I apprehend my Life is in danger both from the Court of Justice, and from those who employed me in this hellish fact: If these Obstacles can be removed, and I can be assured of a free general Pardon for my past p. 307 Offences, and Protection against those that made me commit them, by Advertisements set up at Marlborough & publick Places adjacent thereto, I will then appear and make a full discovery of the whole Plott: There is two Men in Goal in this Provice that would have discovered this Plot long ago, but their unhappy Circumstances confining them with those who are Zealous for the Catholick Cause, they are obliged to keep it a secret for the Preservation of their Lives: I can add no more but must absent myself, till the Storm be overpast that threatens the unfortunate

Decemr 11th 1747.

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To his Excellency Samuel Ogle Esq<sup>r</sup>

May it please your Excellency

The Reason that those Criminal Letters were inclosed & directed to you was to keep them a secret 'till Measures were taken for apprehending the Conspirators.

Sir

How amiable is every Hour of your Conduct, and how great is your Zeal for the Catholick Cause, which so manifestly appears in the Management of the glorious Enterprize now in hand; which you have carried on with so much Prudence and Conduct, that you have almost brought it to Perfection, which could not have been done without Virtues hardly to be imagined, but It is your Discretion Affability and Gentleness, are the attractive Loadstone, that has drawn the hearts of such a Number of People to espouse this glorious Cause, and to contribute so bountifully towards compleating the Magazine. Go on, Noble Sir, in this great Work, that as you by your Zeal, Direction and Constancy have hitherto mastered all Difficulties, and overcome Impossibilities that presented themselves in the Enterprize, so you may in the End obtain a glorious Triumph over the Enemies of Our holy Religion: Then will the Glory be ascrib'd to none but you, to whom It will be most justly due: It now remains to return