

Lib. C. B. you my humble Thanks for the great Honour you do me in
 p. 308 believing me faithful in the Trust committed to my Charge,
 as also to let you know what Measures has been taken here,
 and how far We are advanced in Our common Cause, that
 you may be the better able to form your Designs, in order to
 bring this great Work to a final Conclusion: The Gentlemen
 recommended to you have accepted their Commissions, and
 as an Acknowledgment of the Honour you do them, they have
 entred into a solemn Engagement, either to perish in the
 Enterprize or pursue every Man to Destruction that opposes
 your just Proceedings, and in that Resolution to persevere
 until the Roman Catholicks are reestablished in their former
 Tranquillity: in raising Men and Money I have used all
 necessary Precautions to prevent Discoveries and to that pur-
 pose have caused all the Priests, in the respective Congrega-
 tions over whom they reside, to exhort their People often to
 Confession, & then to examine them how they stood affected
 to the Plott, & after Examination to bind them to Secrecy
 according to the form in such Cases—provided, under Pain of
 an Anathema: & then to take a Memorandum of All those
 whose Hearts the Lord stirred up, to engage either in Person
 or in Purse in this blessed Design, which from time to time
 they have delivered in to me, and which I have sent to you
 inclosed in a List by the Bearer: But what is like to augment
 our small Forces as much as any thing is the Proceedings of
 the late general Assembly, at which poor People are much
 dissatisfyed, particularly those who are much in Debt (which
 is the unhappy Circumstance of too many in this Province) for
 the Burgesses not considering the Benefit of the People whom
 they represent, have made a Warehouse Law, & such a One
 in all it's Circumstances, that it not only deprives them of
 every future Advantage that may arise thereon, but there is a
 Clause inserted under pretence of enabling People to support
 the Charges of the said Law, by a Reduction of Twenty five
 p. 309 Cent from Tobacco Debts, which seems to be done on pur-
 pose, and serves for no other End than to set Creditors on
 the Backs of poor Debtors to use them with more Rigour
 than ever, from which Proceedings many well foreseeing the
 unhappy Circumstances they must inevitably fall under, there
 is no doubt but they will joyn us, as some has already done,
 rather than fall a Sacrifice to such a Law: And poor Prisoners
 finding no Door of Mercy can be opened upon any Consid-
 eration offered by them, either to their Creditors, or to the
 house of Assembly there is no doubt but they will extricate
 themselves, by such means as We offer them, as some has
 already promised to do as soon as We make Way for them
 to joyn Us: The Rebels that arrived here last Summer are