

Province of Maryland to the Right honourable the Lord Lib. J. R. & U. S.
proprietary, Section 2^d "All Fines Penalties or Forfeitures are made payable to the Lord Proprietors of this Province, his Heirs and Successors &c. and 'tis provided that it be always construed, understood, or adjudged, that where any of the said Fines are directed to be appropriated, or applied towards the support of Government, his Lordship the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary his Government of this Province be understood and none other &c.:" I therefore hereby require of you that you suffer no Act to pass in violation of my Right therein. And whereas at a Sessions of Assembly begun and held the 17th day of July 1716 An Act passed intituled "For the better Security of the Peace and Safety of his Lordships Government, and of the protestant Interest within this Province, 'tis enacted, provided nevertheless that this present Act or any thing therein contained, shall not extend or be construed to extend to the Negotiation, or Management of the Lord proprietary his private Affairs &c. I therefore require, and direct you not to pass any Act to barr any Person to be Receivers of my Quit Rents, and other pecuniary things belonging to me: As it is but just and reasonable with all Men, be him of what Profession of Religion, to employ as he may be the best Security in things of private property so essential indeed in Case of Elections of Representatives of the Province if such is proved a real Romanist, and that he shall influence in the Choice of Elections aforesaid, a Papist so employed, and shall meddle so with Elections of Representatives of Assembly, he ought to forfeit to the Lord Proprietor for the Uses of support of Government as aforesaid:

In regard to the Clergy's Remonstrance delivered to you, 11:
and by you transmitted me my Desire is that you give them all Satisfaction therein in support of the Church, and protestant Education of Youths as by Law is established As to the Clergy who returned to the Committee of Aggrievances, a p. 95
Copy of the same Remonstrance as above, which (you mention) occasioned" the bringing in a Bill against Roman Catholicks, which the House thought proper to reject in so doing they did well.

I much commend your Prudence about putting the penal Laws in Execution ag^t the Roman Catholicks I am sure it is as contrary to your Principles as to my own to afford them any other Protection than such as is exercised by his Majesty's given Rule of Government throughout his Colonies and Dominions in America to which I require your strict Adherence.

Art: 2^d
dat. 9. Sep^r
1755.