

Inquiry, we request your Excellency would be pleased to direct the Statutes of our Mother Country in Force in this Province guarding against such Offences to be carried into Execution whereby a Stop may be put to an Evil which if not timely prevented may be productive of great Mischief to the good People of this province.

Lib. J. R.
& U. S.

2^d May 1757.

Read and assented to by the Lower House of
Assembly, signed p.. Order.

Henry Hooper Speaker.

By the Committee of Aggrievancies and Courts of Justice
28th April 1757.

Your Committee beg Leave to represent as an Aggrievance that several Persons professing the Romish Religion have taught School in Baltimore County and that one doth still teach School in the said County near the Head of Deer Creek as by the annexed Depositions may appear and humbly report it as their Opinion that the tollerating such Schools in Opposition to the Statutes of our Mother Country must greatly tend to the poisoning the Minds of the Youth of this Province, and alienating their Affections from our present most happy Establishment in Church and State but submit it to the Consideration of the honourable House.

Signed p Order

B.. Nicholson Cl:

The Deposition of Archibald Standiford of Baltimore County taken the 26.. April 1757..

This Deponent being sworn on the holy Evangels of Almighty God saith that Don Connolly kept a School the last year in the said County near my Lady's Manor, and that the said Connolly warranted two or three Persons for schooling their Children, and at the time of trying one of the Warrants against William Crabtree before Justice Boyce, he this Deponent heard the said Don Connolly then say that the said Crabtree would not pay him because he the said Connolly was a papist upon which the said Justice said he would not be concerned with it but desired them to leave the same to be decided by two of their Neighbours and further saith not.

Arch.. Standiford

Sworn to before me the Day and Year above written:
Walter Tolley.