

and are Ignorant if any whose residence are in other Countys have been absent from the Places of their abode. We have made Strict enquiry by Our Constables of the Number of profest Papists within this County and by their returns do find the Number of Persons of that Persuasion to be forty three Males and Eight Females and few of these People of Property but Chiefly of the meaner Class, These things Sir Our Court have desired me to inform you in order to be laid before his Excellency and the honourable Board I am

Lib. J. R.
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Sir Y^r very humble Servant

Chester Nov^r 24th 1755.

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Sir

We have since the Receipt of yours made Strict enquiry in relation to the Tumultuous meetings and Caballings among the Negroes (within this County) and also in respect to the behaviour of the Roman Catholicks which are very few here, and upon the Strictest Enquiry find such Reports to be Groundless and without foundation, as to this County, for that there has been no such meetings & Caballings among the Negroes neither has those Persons of the Roman Catholick Persuasion in any manner (as we can learn) misbehaved themselves, and as for Romish Priests there is not any that we know or hear of that reside within this County and Are Y^r Most Humble Servants John Henry, Jn^o Scarborough, Adam Spence, Jos^a Mitchell John Evans, Jo^s Dickinson, Tho^s Handy, Johⁿ Laws.

Worcester County 8th Nov. 1755.

Sir

In Answer to yours from the honourable Council Board dated Aug^t 15th Ult We Certifie that upon the Strictest Enquiry into the matters therein to Us recommended, We find that there is not any Popish Priest resident amongst us and but very few Papists and they by all Accounts Peaceable and of good behaviour nor have We any Information of any Tumultuous Meetings or Caballings of Negroes but that in every Respect his Lordships Peace is well kept in this County of Calvert

Signed 7p Order of Court

W Ireland Cll Com. Cal. Co.

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