

Lib. J. R.
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Sir

Talbot County Nov. 12th 1755.

We have made the enquiries mentioned in your Letter of the 15th August last and do not find there has been any tumultuous Meetings or Caballings of Negroes within this County nor do We find that any Persons of the Roman Catholick Persuasion here have misbehaved in such a manner, as to give his Majestys Loyal Subjects just Cause to fear an Insurrection. There is not any Roman Catholick Priest or Jesuit at this time (nor has been for many years last past) residing in this County. Be pleased to communicate this to the Governor & Council We are

S^r Y^r Humble Servants

Risdⁿ Bozman, James Edge, Mat Tilghman, J Goldsborough
W. Thomas, Rob^t Goldsborough, Trist^m Thomas, James
Lloyd.

p. 72 May it please His Excellency the Governor & Council

This Acknowledges the Receipt of both your Letters, as well that of the 15th of August as the other of October the 28th and we beg leave to assure your Excellency and Honours that nothing prevented our giving an answer to your first but that we Imagined as those things Recommended by your Excellency and Honours for our enquiry, being intirely false and Groundless, so we apprehended that no further Notice was necessary; We therefore humbly hope that this will Sufficiently Excuse and Apologise for our not doing it Sooner. We beg leave to Assure your Excellency and Honours, that there are not the least Grounds that we know of to Suspect either Negroes or Papists of any ill designs against the Government, and indeed we conceive it almost needless to mention the latter as his Excellency has their Numbers Returned to him taken by the Several Constables in the County by which it will Appear that they are so inconsiderable as to fear nothing from them and to do Justice to the few amongst Us we have not observed them to behave Otherwise than good and dutiful Subjects. As to the Roman Catholick Priests mentioned by your Excellency and Honours leaving their Habitations We beg leave to return for Answer that We don't know, nor never heard of any of them residing in this County We also Conceive that the Rumours and Reports mentioned by your Excellency and Honours, tending to the disquiet of his Majestys Subjects are intirely false and Groundless, but have not yet discovered the Authors of them, when ever we do, we assure your Excellency and Honours that We will Comply with every part of your Instructions, as