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P. S. After the Debate in Whitaker's Case was over he shewed Letters of Orders as his Qualification, which appeared to be only Deacon's Orders, and on this Circumstance, and his Counsel declaring that on the Account of his defective Qualification they had hazarded the Matter on their Argument of Presumption, it was strongly recommended to have the Question again brought on upon the Suit of the Sheriff's Bond, but the affair was given up by the Adversaries. The Declaration of his Counsel was owing to his having produced his Letters of Orders when they advised him against it and the Contemptuous manner in which he treated them on the Occasion. I have Reason to know that the Man Loved Litigation, and it is not improbable that what he shewed was with the view of bringing on a Suit and that he might have the proper Qualification to produce when brought to the Necessity of doing it, and perhaps if not a Knowledge a Suspicion of this deterred his Antagonists.

Sir

We are favoured (as you say,) with a Copy of M^r Dulany's Opinion, relative to the dispute subsisting between Our Parish and you, which Opinion we have had before us and maturely considered, We shall, as we ever did, pay great Respect to M^r Dulany as a Gentleman, and One eminent in the Law, yet we presume, should his Opinion differ on this Occasion with other Gentlemen of the Law, and also from our own Sentiments we would hope it might not be esteemed Criminal in us, and should we attempt to pursue the legal Methods for a Candid and fair determination of a Matter of so much Importance to us, we cannot suppose, that, under a Colour of Supporting the Authority and Rights of his Lordship, the Supreme Magistrate would so much interfere by any Vigorous proceedings as should in any manner impede or give the least Colour of affecting the Current of Justice or divert the least Rivulet thereof. Such a Doctrine must sound harsh in the Ear of every Freeman, much more of those who esteem themselves loyal Subjects of the British King, and acknowledge his Sovereignty, and depend on him for their protection both Civil and Religious.

We can assure M^r Dulany, that we have no Intention, nor would we designedly do any Act of Outrage, or any thing that should tend to give Colour for any Suspicion thereof, or would we want the Reins of Government wrested out of the Hands of those, who by the Laws of the Land, are intrusted with them, but at the same time, we would not, by a Servile Submission, Alienate Our Rights and Liberties, and tamely give