

U. H. J. and Welfare of his Lordship and this Province are favoured with his Lordships Approbation.

And we shall faithfully Endeavour to Pursue the same Ends in Considering such further Commands from their Lordships as your Excy shall be Pleased to Communicate to us by way of message.

Wee humbly take Leave to Acquaint your Excy that from your Excys steady and Prudent Conduct of Affairs and the Happy Conclusion of the last Sessions, wee had Great hopes that not only your Excy in Particular but all his Majesty's Good Subjects in Generall throughout this Province might have Enjoy'd such leisure and Tranquillity as you are Pleased to mention, and are heartily Sorry that any thing should Happen to Interrupt it. We are sure that none either good Subjects to our Sovⁿ or Realy well wishers to his Lordship and this Province Could be Instrumentall in the Diverting your Excy from the Prosecution of such good Designs or in the makeing your Excy uneasy in the unbyass'd Methods of your Admrcon, But that Papists and their Adherents should Attack your Excy's Character And Interest seems not strange, but rather the naturall Product of your Excy Zealous Regard
 p. 92 for the Establishment of the Protestant Interest and defending it against the Attempts of those who Value themselves so much upon the Advances they had made (by Deceiving and Imposing upon their Lordships) Towards Introducing themselves into an Equall Share with the Protestants of the Admrcon of the Government of this Province, which their Lordships on better Information did so readily and Justly Deprive them of to our Great Satisfaction; Such a regard as this is Cause Enough to Excite their utmost Endeavours, against the best of men; Wee doubt not their will, and hope we Cant be blam'd if we Endeavour to Restrain their Power. What other Causes of Complaint the Gent: your Excy mentions Can have Against you wee Cannot Imagine and take this Opportunity of Declaring that we know not that ever your Excy has done them any Injury either by your Person or Government.

The Relation your Excy is Pleased to Give us of the Steps the Roman Catholicks were taking to advance their Power is very Convinceing and lays us under the Greatest Obligations of Gratitude to your Excy for so Generously Opposeing them and setting the whole matter in a Clear light before their Ldshpps without which these their Subtill Jesuiticall falsities might have Possibly past for truth the Consequences whereof we Presume not to Determine. The more Vehement the Romans and their Adherents are in their Endeavours to heap