Indignities upon your Excys Sincerity to the Present Estab- U. H. J. lishments in Church and State to which the Roman Catholicks are known to have so Great an Eversion both by Inclination and Principle that it Can be deem'd No honour for a true p. 30 Protestant to have their Applause nor any Scandall to Suffer their Reproach And as their Lordships on your Excys Representation to them have Been so Just to your Excys Character and Conduct as not to Give way to the Insinuations of the Papists on their groundless fears and Jealousies when they had not the Confidence to Assign the least of Facts, But on the Contrary have signified their Approbation of your Integrity to their Lordships in keeping them within due Bounds by such Gentle methods as you have always Taken so we hope their Lordships will look upon any fresh Complaints that have or shall be made agt your Excy as Groundless as the former without good Proofs It being as unlikely to find Papists under a Protestant Government without Complaints, in Case they are Listened to, as to find fire without warmth or water without moisture.

Wee are somewhat Surprized to find the Roman Catholicks so Active in Procuring Oppinions from Lawyers in England, in Relation to our Laws Since the severest of them are more Indulgent to them than the Statute made in the 11th and 12th years of his Late Majesty King William the third Chapter the fourth, which Expressly extends to his Majesty's Realms and the Domns thereunto Belonging And which we Presume neither they nor the Learned Lawyers, whose oppinions they have Taken will disallow the force of here from whence we Begg leave to Observe that if the Act of Assembly against the Growth of Popery here were not only suspended as they would have it Actually Repealed, their Ends would be but Poorly p. 31 But since by these measures those Gentl have Plainly demonstrated that they Insist upon their Indulgences as matters not of favour, but of Right to We think ourselves Obliged to declare our opinions, that they have not any Right to further Indulgences than that Statute gives them, And Acknowledge your Excys Goodness in so Stateing their Case to their Lordships as to give their Lordships an Occasion to declare themselves so much to our Satisfaction.

Wee are well Assured the Romanists and their Adherents did not Design your Excy either honour or Profitt in makeing You the only Marke of their Revenge for Supporting the Protestant Interest, But we must with all gratitude acknowledge your Excys Generosity and goodness in Defending it at the Hazzard of your Interest so farr as the Influence of theirs could reach, Which were it such that thereby they could Ac-