

Diverting your Excy from the Prosecutⁿ of Such good de- L. H. J.
signs or in the making your Excy uneasy in the unbyass'd
Methods of Your Administration.

But that Papists and their Adherents Should Attack your Excys Character and Interest Seems not Strange, but rather the naturall product of your Excy's Zealous regard for the Establishment of the protestant Interest and Defending it against the Attempts of those who valued themselves So much upon the Advances they had made (by deceiving and Imposing upon their L^{dpps}) towards Introducing themselves into an Equal Share with the Protestants of the Administration of the Govrn^t 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 ag^t the best of men; We doubt not their will and hope we Can't be blamed if we Endeavour to restrain their Power.

What other Causes of Complaint the Gent: Your Excy mentions Can have ag^t you we 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 Relacōn your Excy is pleased to Give us of the Steps the Roman Catholicks were takeing to Advance their Power is very Convinceing and lays us under the Greatest Obligat^{ns} of Gratitude to your Excy for so generously p. 22 opposing them and Setting the whole matter in a Clear Light before their L^{dps}; without which these their Subtile Jesuiticall falsities might have possibly Past for truth the Consequences whereof we presume not to Determine.

The more Vehem^t the Romans and their Adherents are in their Endeavours to heap indignities upon your Excy the Stronger is the Evidence of your Excy's Sincerity to the Present Establishments in Church and State to which the Roman Catholicks are known to have so great an Aversion both by Inclination and Principle that it can be deemed no honour for a true Protestant to have their Applause nor any Scandall to suffer their Reproach, And as their L^{dps} on your Excys Representation to them have been so Just to your Excy's 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 assigne the Least of facts, But on the Contrary have Signified their approbation of your Integrity to their Lord^{ps} in Keeping them within due bounds by such Gentle methods as you have always taken so we hope their L^{dps} will look upon any fresh Complaints that have or shall be made ag^t your Excy as Ground-