

L. H. J. less as the former without good proof, It being as unlikely to find Papists under a Protestant Govern<sup>t</sup> without Complaints in Case they are listned to as to find fire without Warmth or Water w<sup>th</sup>out Moisture. Wee are somewhat Surprized to find the Roman Catholicks so Active in procuring Opinions 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 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> years of his late Majesty King W<sup>m</sup> the third Chapt<sup>r</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> which expressly extends to his Majesty's Realms and the Dom<sup>ns</sup> thereto belonging and which we presume neither they nor the Learned Lawyers whose opinions they have taken will disallow the force of here; from whence wee begg Leave to Observe that if the Act of Assembly ag<sup>t</sup> the Growth of Popery here were not only Suspended as they would have it, but Actually repealed Their Ends would be but poorly Answered.

But Since by these measures those Gent have plainly demonstrated that they Insist upon their Indulgencies as matters not of favour but of right, we think ourselves oblig'd to declare our Opinions that they [have] not any right to further Indulgencies than that Statute gives them, And acknowledge your Excy's Goodness in so Stateing their Case to their  
 p. 23 Lordps as to Give their Lpps. an occasion to declare themselves So much to our Satisfaction.

Wee are well assured the Romanists and their Adherents did not designe your Excy Either Honour or Profit in makeing you the only Marke of their Revenge, for Supporting the Protestant Interest But we must with all gratitude Acknowledge your Excy's Generosity and Goodness in defending at the Hazard of your Interest so far as the Influence of theirs could reach which were it Such that thereby they could accomplish their Ends in your Removall and obtain a Successor more Pliable to their Intreagues, (which we Pray God prevent) would at last faile them for we who have so Long Injoy'd the happy Influence of a Church of England Govern<sup>t</sup> cannot easily give it up to papists while we are blest with a Protestant King on the throne of Great Brittain and a Protestant Proprietor under him to Govern us, whose Justice and Goodness we have amply Experienced in Rejecting their Complaints by Continueing us under the Immediate administration of your Excy, so hearty an Espouser of the Psent Establishm<sup>t</sup> both in Church & State.

Wee are not Ignorant of the Plotting uneasy and revengfull temper as well as Proud and Turbulent Behav<sup>r</sup> Of M<sup>r</sup> Macnemara ever since his first Coming into this Province but more Especially Since he has had the Oppertunity to Insinuate