

ants, But we thank God they are not only Disappointed in their p<sup>r</sup>sent Views but seem Intirely Defeated in all their future Prospects of Disturbing the Tranquility of this Province upon a weak And as It appears a Groundless Supposition that the nearness in blood to some Gentl of the Romish Religion wou'd have Influenced his Lordship to Countenance that Party by breaking in upon our Present Protest<sup>t</sup> Establishm<sup>t</sup> U. H. J. p. 27

But forasmuch as his L<sup>d</sup>ship hath given us Entire Satisfaction upon that head, by some late Transactions Confirmed to us in such a Gracious manner That we must own we want words to publish our Just Resentments of his Lordships good Inclinations, more Especially in Comanding Your Excellency to let his Great Council of this Province know That his Lordship is Resolved That his Actions shall always Correspond w<sup>th</sup> his Declarations, haveing before promised to make Law Justice Clemency & Loyalty the Standard of his Government,

What is there that we have not Reason to hope for from such generous beginings, where Reason hath prevailed over nature in the Exercise of those manly Faculties that are Rarely found but in men of Advanced Years. We have such a dependency on his Lordships Honour and Sincerity in those Engaging Declarations That we take the Liberty in this Publick manner to Request your Excellency to Assure his L<sup>d</sup> on our behalf that his goodness & Tender Regards of his faithfull Tenants here will allways meet with suitable Returns of Duty Integrity and Affection, such a Conjunction must needs Establish a happy Constitution, the Greatest blessing any People Can Desire. p. 28

May it Please your Excy.

After having Published Our Own Happiness in their Tender Regards their Lordships have Expressed to both Houses of Assembly Give us leave now S<sup>r</sup> To Congratulate your Excellency upon their Lordships Kind Declarations in your Own favour by Intirely Condemning the Indiscreet and Malicious Proceedings of some of the Roman Catholicks against you Dureing your Administration here, which Cannot but give your Excellency a peculiar Satisfaction, As it Justifies your Conduct from the many Repeated Calumnies Cast upon you by a Party that sought your Ruine p. 29

We hope now that their Lordships have been undeceived as to the True motives and Inducem<sup>ts</sup> of many of our Late Proceedings, And that the Cryes of Persecution, Persecution will never more Engage nor so much as move their Lordships Compassion unless proved as well as Complained of

We Readily Acquiesce with your Excellency in affirming that we know of no Person p<sup>r</sup>secuted meerly upon the Account