

U. H. J. Their Attempts have already given great Uneasiness and heart burnings to his Majesty's faithfull Subjects here And in particular Created to me your Gov^r much trouble and Inquietude, I can truly Say my Life has been uncomfortable from that Period I first rejected their Projects, And am now become a Memorable Instance of the Effects of Popish mallice

I am informed there have been late Affronts and Insults Offered by Papists and their Adherents to Others in Authority who fall not into their measures by which it Seems to be their Resolution to Endeavour not Only by Secret Calumnies but even by Violence to terrifie all good men from opposing them. I take it therefore to be absolutely necessary to sett their machinacons in so Clear a Light As I hope will for the future Silence their Clamours or Expose those Disturbers of the Publick tranquillity to the Lash of those Laws that were Long since pvided against them.

I shall not now Entertain you with an Historical relation of Obtaining the first Grant of this pvince nor yett mention the Adm^{con} of the Government under the late Lord Prop^{rs} believing it will Suffice that I acknowledge the Papists had more than an Equall Share with the Protestants in holding Judiciall and Ministeriall Offices here from the date of the Charter 1632 to the year of our Lord 1691, when their Late Majestys
 p. 7 King W^m and Queen Mary were pleased to send you a Gov^r of their Own Appointment. After this Maryland Continued happily Governed for 24 years, the respective Governours in that Space receiving their Comissions and Instructions Imediately from the Crown, of which I had the Last Hon^r. But so soon as his present Sacred Majesty Condescended to restore the now Lord Propr^y (on his professing himself a Protestant) to his Hereditary Government the Papists Instantly laid in their Claim to be also restored to their former Pretended Privileges, which when Offered to me for my Approbation by their Principal Agent was dismist with this Answer. I would oppose it to the Utmost of my power. Hence our Troubles took their rise

Upon the first Insurrection of the Rebels in Great Britain against his Majesty's Person and Government those of the same Evil disposition here were so Elated with the hopes of their Imaginary Success And so Open and Dareing on that presumption that I was Early Obligated to Check and restrain their Follys by a proclamation published the 14th of Feb^{ry} 1715 to which I referr you for my reason of so doing.

On the 10th of June following (being the Supposed birthday of the Pretender) the great guns of the City were fired off late in the Night these Offenders were soon Discovered by a