

U. H. J. Several Comissions were brought in by M<sup>r</sup> Carroll some fill'd up to Papists and Others in Blank, and on my refusing to Admitt the Survey<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>ls</sup> of the Eastern and Western Shoar without first takeing the Oaths Appointed by Act of Assembly I was not only menaced for having thereby Shutt up his Lordship's Land Office, but Even Insulted on my sick bed, at a late hour of the Night when in a Dangerous State I was making my Will as some Honble Gentlemen can testify whom I desir'd to be witnesses on the Occasion.

On my Application to their Lordships to be removed from this Station, rendered unsafe and Dishonourable whilst those Commissions had fforce their Lordships in due time withdrew those Comissions and placed them in the hands of Protestants; and required me to remain in my Station, acknowledging they  
 p. 10 were Surprized into their fformer Grants to Papists. M<sup>r</sup> Carrol was Examined by me in Councill concerning his imposeing on their Lordships (then unexperienced in the Affairs of Maryland) by Obtaining such a Commission (which Contained more unlawful Powers than are yett mentioned) who was so farr from Acknowledging his Faults of so high a nature, that with a haughty air he insisted the Roman Catholicks had a right to hold Offices, And if that right should be denyed them they would appeale to Higher Powers.

Pursuant to this Declaration the Papists as I am well informed raised Contributions and Sent their Emissaries for great Brittain to make good their Claim And by all means to Endeavour my Removall from this Station as a Main Obstacle to their Illegal Practices, and so sure was the Faction of their game that my Ruin was Openly threatened and one of their accomplices (whom the Pleasure of Providence has since removed to another Life) went down on his Knees and with horrid Execrations said, he did not Doubt to see me as fast in Prison as ever he was (who had been so for murder and other Crimes) and my Innocent Children set a begging, truly this unhappy man Aided by the Faction did all that a base mind could perpetrate to Destroy my Character and Fortune, but as He and the Papists could alledge nothing materiall for my Removal which they have attempted for some years past, and my greatest Crime (in their Construction) being the Defence of your Laws Providence has hitherto preserved me from being wholly Offered up a Sacrifice to their Revenge. But  
 p. 11 It would take up too much of your time to Enumerate the particulars of their Resentments so shall only observe to you if their Fury has been so outrageous to the pson of your Governour, what must the People have Expected from men of such Virulent and implacable Spirits, Coud they gain their Ends on those they Esteem Hereticks