

tration of the Government here who has always with so much L. H. J.
Zeale and resolution Exerted your Authority in the defence of
our present happy Protestant Constitution in Asserting our
Christian Liberties and Priviledges and in punishing Such as
have dared in an open Manner to attack the former and by
your Wisdom Speciall care and diligence have hitherto dis-
appointed and rendered all their more private Machinations
and Contrivances against both uneffectuall.

It is no Small Griefe and Concern to us to observe the Ill p. 20
treatment your Excy has met with from time to time for that
party which is too obvious under their pretence of haveing an
Equal Right with Protestants to Share in all the judicall and
Ministeriall Offices and Employments in this Government
and their continued murmurs and complaints of Hardship and
wrongs done them in that they are not Restored to what they
call their Right. We know of no Legall right they have to
anything more than what they Enjoy, and we think they might
have been a happy people had they accepted and observed those
Easy Terms offered them by your Excellency which was as
well their duty as Interest. And here we Cannot but joyn
with your Excellency in that Christian Prayer to God that the
poor persecuted Protestants in fforreigne parts Might but be
Indulged with the same Lenity the Romanists Enjoy here.

Wee heartily and readily Concurr with and approve of the
wise and judicious method proposed by your Excellency for
Applying a proper Remedy to those growing Evils your Ex-
cellency mentions, which if neglected might Possibly in time
prove fatall to all his Majestyes Plantations on this Continent
and your Condescending Goodness (notwithstanding all the
provocations you have met with) in giveing the Romanists
such a fair Oppertunity for the Ascertaining their right, If
any they have to more or Greater Priviledges than they now
Enjoy with a promise annexed to allow them whatever appears
to be their due.

This being done we Presume cannot fail to render those
people Easy and Obviate any cause of Murmer or Complaint
against a Governour and Government from whome they have
so much Lenity allowed but at least if it should fail herein yet
we hope it cannot fail of Enabling your Excellency according
to your kind intimation of answering for us both here and
hereafter, and of preventing their Imposition on Strangers
to their Case and on the credulity of unguarded minds by their
Amusements. What other matters and things your Excel-
lency shall think proper during this Sessions to Communicate
to us by way of Message shall be duly considered as they come
before us, and we hope our unanimity and Speedy Dispatch
of the proceedings of this Session will be a Sufficient Evidence