

U. H. J. And we doubt not but the Roman Catholicks will on considering  
 Calvert the words think, there is not the least Occasion of Offence given to  
 Paper themselves: Our Words are these Viz. In such Circumstances  
 No. 735 however fortunate and safe the Roman Catholicks or Persons nearly  
 attached to them or their Interests might imagine themselves &c We  
 do not expressly or implicitly by these Words charge the Roman  
 p. 40 Catholicks with any ill Action or Intention; but the plain Meaning  
 is, that it is very reasonable to suppose Persons of that Communion  
 and sincerely Zealous for their Religion (which is with such always  
 preferred to every Earthly Consideration) would think themselves  
 more fortunate and easy if their Religion was established here, thò  
 even by a Conquest of this Province by the French, than any true  
 Protestant could think himself in such a Situation; Had Roman  
 Catholicks of such like Principles as have often been discovered in  
 Plots against Our King and Mother Country, or any Persons known  
 for Disobedience or rebellious Opposition to Our present glorious  
 and happy Establishment in the House of Hannover given us the  
 same Assurance, as you have done, of the Inclination as well as  
 Power of the Roman Catholicks not to disturb the Peace or Safety  
 of the Province under the present Circumstances of an impending  
 War with France, and an Actual One with a Roman Catholick  
 Prince who avowedly cherishes the Pretender and his Adherents, We  
 could readily have accounted for such Declarations by imputing them  
 to the usual Policy of endeavouring to draw us into a fatal Opinion of  
 Security: But to have such Assurances from a Lower House of As-  
 sembly composed of Protestants and Loyal Subjects to his Majesty  
 and true Friends to the Hannover Succession is really very unac-  
 countable: The Parliament of Great Britain has been always so  
 far from vouching for the Conduct of the Roman Catholicks at any  
 time, and much less in the time of War with Princes of that Com-  
 munion that the strictest Watch has been always had over them &  
 their Actions, and even since our present War with Spain it appears  
 by the Publick Prints in November last, that upon an Address of the  
 House of Commons of Ireland a Proclamation was published by the  
 Lord Lieutenant to seize all Arms Armour and Ammunition in the  
 Possession of any Papist or reputed Papist: These Particulars we  
 mention to satisfy you, that although we have not a less good Opin-  
 ion than yourselves of the Roman Catholicks in this Province and  
 of many in England in what relates to private Life, and even to many  
 Actions in Publick Life, yet We dare not answer for their Conduct  
 in any Affair where the Establishment of their Religion may come  
 into Question

We hope you are already convinced of Our being in earnest to  
 encourage the Levies directed by his Majesty, and we own Ourselves  
 p. 41 not sharp sighted enough to see the Contradiction, which seems to  
 you in Our Offer of Part of the Fund for Arms &c. for we say, the