

These Papers contain Matters of the Greatest Importance to the Country in General, and therefore We think that all means ought to be used to discover the Author or Authors as well as the matters contained in them, and to make such a Law as may deterr evil minded Persons from destroying or attempting to Destroy any Inspection house

U. H. J.
Liber No. 34
May 17

Signed p Order John Ross Ct Up H.

To His Excellency Samuel Ogle Esq^r

May it Please your Excellency the Reason that those Criminal Letters were Inclosed and Directed to you was to keep them a secret, till Measures were taken for Apprehending the Conspirators

Oh! Conscience Conscience at Length thou hast overcome me and forced me to throw down my Cursed Commission with these few Lines of my too late Repentance and Confession of My Crimes, and I beg that whoever takes them up may carry them immediately to his Excellency the Governor of Maryland that measures may be taken in time, to Counterplot or evade a Cursed Plot, almost Ripe for Execution which may Prove fatal to this Province in General, I would not have it thought that I absent myself to Conceal any Part of the Plott, for God knows I am in a Disposition to make a full discovery if I Dare to Appear, but I Apprehend my Life is in Danger both from the Court of Justice and from those who employed me in this hellish pact: if these obstacles can be removed and I can be assured of a free General Pardon for my Past Offences, and Protection against those that made me Committ them, by Advertisements set up at Marlborough and publick Places Adjacent there to, I will then Appear and make a full Discovery of the whole Plott: there is now two men in Goal in this Province that would have discovered this Plott Long ago but their unhappy Circumstances Confining them with those who are Zealous for the Catholick Cause, they are Obliged to keep it a Secret for the Preservation of their Lives; I can Add no more but must Absent myself till the Storm be over past that threatens the unfortunate
Z. L:
December 11th 1747

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Sir

How Amiable is every Hour of your Conduct and how Great is your Zeal for the Catholick Cause which so mainifestly appears in the management of the Glorious Enterprize, now in hand; which you have Carried on with so much Prudence and Conduct, that you have almost brought it to Perfection, which could not have been done without Virtus hardly to be imaged but it is your Discretion Affability & Gentleness are the Attractive Loadstone that has drawn the hearts of such a Number of People to Espouse this Glorious Cause, and to Conttribute so bountifully towards Compleating the