

L. H. J. was to be in Part of the Consideration for building the Chapel aforesaid, but that there wanted One Thousand Pounds of Tobacco more, which was the Reason he did not undertake the Building aforesaid: That, to the best of his Knowledge, in the Neighbourhood where he lives, there are two Papist Families for one Protestant one, and in the Time this Deponent has lived there, which is Forty Years, has known many perverted from the Protestant Religion, by the Industry, and artful Endeavours, of the Jesuits, and Romish Laity, that the general Opinion of the Catholics is, that whoever converts a Heretic will save his Soul alive, and that the Protestants ought to be destroyed, that he believes if the Protestants were not well secured by good English Laws, the Papist would soon cut off all that they call Heretics; and this Deponent further saith, that Margaret, the Widow of one John Greaves, deceased, who were Protestants, hath, since his Decease, married one Peter Pain, of Saint Mary's County, a Roman Catholic, that she the said Margaret, and many other credible Persons, have told him, this Deponent, that she is constantly applied to, in order to pervert her from the Protestant Religion, and that although her said Husband hath many Horses to spare, he will not suffer her to have one to go to the Church of England, the Parish Church of which is about five Miles distant from his Plantation, that the said Margaret, to his Knowledge, has walked twice to the Parish Church aforesaid, for Want of a Horse; and this Deponent, likewise, further saith, that all or most of the Servants that come into Saint Mary's County, that are bought by Papists, are generally secured, by the Jesuits or Papists, to become of their Religion, by Means of which, and other artful Contrivances, he is convinced, the Papists greatly increase in their Numbers. That chief of the Schoolmasters where he lives are Papists, and teach the Children of Protestants publicly, and that one of the Magistrates, in the said County, sends his Children to the School of such Papists, and that he has known three Papist Schoolmasters in his Neighbourhood, within the Space of three or four Years last past; and further saith not.

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Thomas Greaves.

Taken before me, Robert Jenckins Henry.

Thomas Reader, of Saint Mary's County, Gentleman, aged forty one Years, or thereabout, being sworn on the holy Evangelists of almighty God, deposeth and saith, that he had an Overseer who was a professed Roman Catholic, who, having been at Mass, told this Deponent, when he came home, that the Priest had now secured the Protestants that married Roman Catholic Women, by an Oath, before he would marry them, (only making them promise before, which promise was often broke), that he saw and heard Richard Ellis, a Priest, marry a certain Thomas Radford, a Protestant, to Elisabeth Joseph, a Roman Catholic, and before he would marry him, made him take an Oath, to abide and practice the Roman Catholic Faith