

L. H. J. Excellency, have occurred in Prince George's County; Two Popish
 Liber No. 48 Delinquents, under Prosecution for Crimes of the most dangerous
 July 3 Nature and Tendency to Society, have obtained Noli Prosequi's, and
 are left at Liberty to repeat them. These Instances abovementioned,
 and the constant and unwearied Application of the Jesuits to
 proselyte, and consequently to corrupt and alienate, the Affections of
 our Slaves from us, and to hold them in Readiness to arm at a
 proper Time for our Destruction, together with every Consideration
 of Danger from a powerful Foreign Enemy, are Circumstances
 truly Alarming, and such as we trust will sufficiently justify this
 Address to your Excellency, whose known Principles of Loyalty and
 Attachment to the present happy Constitution, in Church and State,
 are too conspicuous, to leave us room to doubt of your Protection
 to his Majesty's faithful Protestant Subjects.

Upon the Whole, despairing, after several fruitless Attempts, to
 gain a Law, for our Security against this Faction, more particularly
 adapted to our Constitution and Circumstances, we hope we shall not
 be liable to Censure, if we make Use of those Means of Safety,
 which Providence and the Care of our Mother Country hath put
 into our Hands; We therefore humbly pray, that your Excellency
 would issue your Proclamation, commanding all Magistrates and
 other Officers duly to execute the Penal Statutes, mentioned in the
 Statute of the First of William and Mary, Chapter the 18th, against
 the Roman Catholics or Papists, within this Province.

On read the said Address, the Question was put, Whether the
 House approves the Address, or Not Resolved in the Affirmative.

For the Affirmative,

Reeder,	Jordan,	Ward,
Hicks,	Moore,	Addison,
Hynson,	Handy,	Murdock,
Gresham,	Waggaman,	Fraser,
Wallis,	J. Goldsborough,	Hawkins,
Hammond,	Edmondson,	Lloyd,
Carroll,	Edge,	Tilghman,
Hall,	Gray,	Bracco,
Gassaway,	Travers,	Scarborough,
Fitzhugh,	Paca,	Evans,
Reynolds,	Tolley,	Crabb,
J. Mackall,	Govane,	Chapline,
B. Mackall,	Hyland,	Beall.
Stoddert,	Baker,	[41]

For the Negative,

Mills,	C. Goldsborough,	Dulany,
Dennis,	Bordley,	J. Henry. [6]