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cannot but be of Opinion, that the open and unrestrained Practice of sending Youth to Foreign Popish Seminaries for Education, has this pernicious Scheme in View; we therefore think it to be incumbent on a Protestant Legislature to guard against the Consequences of that dangerous Practice, as it is notorious that there is in those Seminaries a Root of Enmity irreconcilable to his Majesty's Government, and the Religion of his Kingdoms. Having thus shewn the general Influence of the Popish Faction, and the Countenance and Encouragement that have been given it, and consequently the Propriety and Necessity of our Remonstrances, we proceed to elucidate those particular Facts which were the Subject of our former Address.

To begin then with the Affair of the Criminal in St. Mary's County, of which we shall now give a minute Detail, though we before thought the Particulars unnecessary: This Offender had, by repeated Acts of Villainy, rendered himself so obnoxious to the Neighbourhood he lived in, that when he fled from the Justice due to the Crime he last perpetrated, and for which he was afterwards condemned, a Contribution of Three Thousand Pounds of Tobacco was given to apprehend him; after his Condemnation those Persons or some of the Principal of them, who had contributed towards this Sum for apprehending him, were applied to, to solicit his Pardon, which they refused; the Man had hitherto professed himself a Protestant, and was attended for some Time in Goal by a Minister of the Church of England; afterwards a Jesuit was admitted to him, and he became a Proselyte to the Church of Rome: The Persons, or some of the Principal of them, who contributed to have him apprehended, and who had been before applied to in vain, now solicit his Pardon and obtain it. This is a bare Recital of Facts, which we shall submit to your Excellency with this short Comment, that the Circumstance of his becoming a Proselyte to the Church of Rome, remarkable as it was, was unknown to your Excellency, till our

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Address gave you the Information of it, altho' those Gentlemen of the firmest Loyalty and Attachment to his Majesty, one of them especially who is a Lawyer and a Judge, did or ought to have known, if the Doctrine in the before cited Proclamation is true, that the Person they recommended to your Excellency's Clemency, as well as the Jesuit who perverted him, were guilty of High Treason.

With respect to the two Instances in Prince-George's County, brought by us to prove the Prevalence of the Popish Faction, we see no Reason to retract what we have said: It is certain that the matter mentioned by your Excellency as one Inducement to yield to the Sollicitation in Behalf of the former, P^{ye}, was without Foundation: Since the Fact, he was so far from alledging any Thing against Crawford, when he was called upon by a Grand-Jury to give his Testimony, that he declared he did not even know him; and as your