

L. H. J. even in material or considerable Circumstances, I will not Triumph;
 Liber No. 48 That I neither have done nor desire to do over any but our King's
 April 24 or Country's Enemies and I persuade myself you will never come
 under that Denomination.

I now proceed to make a Remark or two on the explicit and extensive Disquisition, by you entered upon, to shew that the Evil you complained of is very inveterate, and hath long called for Redress.

It will not be disputed, that from the first Settlement of the Province down to the Revolution, Offices of Profit and Trust were some Times conferred on Persons of the Romish Faith, and some Times on Gentlemen of a different Persuasion; and I also agree with you, that, considering the Times, and the general Toleration here in those Days allowed, it is not greatly to be wondered at. However, it will, on Enquiry, be found, that whether the Administration of Public Affairs was in the Hands of Protestants or Papists, or both indifferently, when their Country was in Danger from an Invasion, Europeans or Savages, they exerted themselves unanimously in opposing the common Enemy, and as none thought himself, in those instant Days of the Colony, more remote than another from Danger, they generously hastened to each other's Assistance; and they, who did not expose their Persons, never refused or scrupled to make such Satisfaction and Allowance to those who did, and who, in Obedience to the Laws, and their superior Officers Commands, were obliged to do so, as was reasonable and adequate to their respective Services. But, during this Period, the Priests were permitted to accept or purchase Landed Estates, which they were allowed to hold after the Revolution, when the Government of this Province was immediately in the Crown, and were not compelled to relinquish or resign even when his late Majesty was pleased to restore it to the present Lord Proprietary's Honourable Father, the late Lord Baltimore: Who was to blame, and how it happened, that these People have, at Times, been suffered to enlarge their Possessions by Purchase or Donation, the Journals of the Assembly-Proceedings, at such Times, will inform you: At this Season, I hope no Branch of the Legislature would be averse to taking proper Measures to prevent it. In 1716, you say, many Gentlemen were so strongly persuaded, that the Papists were then taking Steps to prejudice the Protestant Government and Religion in Maryland, that they raised a Sum of Money by Subscription to encourage Col. Blackiston to counteract and frustrate such their Designs; which, I conclude, Col. Blackiston effectually did, as I find the Assembly, in an Act that was passed soon after, expressed their Sentiments in these Words: This present General Assembly are fully sensible how deeply they are engaged to his Lordship the Right Honourable the Proprietary, for his so generous and ready Compliance with the most important of our late humble Requests, in committing the Care of all his Public and Private