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# THE MARYLAND GAZETTE

*Containing the freshest Advices Foreign and Domestic.*

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LONDON, September 14.

The following Letter has been sent by the Lord Bishop of London to the Clergy of his Diocese.

*Good Brother,*

Need not tell you, that the Invasion which has been threatened for some Time, in Favour of a popish Pretender, is now actually made; and is like to be vigorously push'd and supported by two foreign Powers of the same Principles in Religion, and of undoubted Affection to arbitrary Government.

THE necessary Consequences of the Success of this Attempt, are so terrible, and withal so visible, that one would hope there was no Need of awakening all true *Englishmen* and Protestants into a just Sense of them, nor of letting them see how pressing by our Religion and Liberties call upon us, at this critical Juncture, to unite in a vigorous Endeavour to defeat the Designs and Hopes of those inveterate Enemies to both.

WHEN such an avowed and open Effort is made, to bereave us of every Thing that is most dear and valuable to us, no Order of Men can reckon themselves unconcerned; nor can it be doubted, but the Civil Administration will exert itself to the utmost, for disappointing an Enterprize that is so big with Mischiefs, or rather Ruin, to us and our Posterity. But if any one Order of Men be more nearly concerned than another, it is ours; who, under our gracious Sovereign, are by our Office and Function the more immediate Guardians of our Holy Religion, and particularly against the manifold Corruptions of Christianity, which a popish Government would not fail to introduce.

UPON these Considerations, I have thought it my Duty at this Time, to intreat you, in a particular Manner:

*First,* To put up your earnest Prayers to Almighty God, for Success to his Majesty's Arms against this bold and traitorous Attempt, and for averting from us so sore and heavy a Judgment; and then, to convince the People committed to your Care, how nearly it concerns them to pray heartily for his Aid and Protection, at this needful Time, if they have any Value for their Religion and Liberty.

*Secondly,* To raise in your People a just Abhorrence of Popery, by setting yourself, on this Occasion, to shew in your Discourses from the Pulpit, the Grossness and Perniciousness of the manifold Errors and Innovations of the Church of Rome, and how inconsistent they are with the plain, pure, and uncorrupted Doctrines of Christianity, as contained in the holy Scriptures, and received and established in this Nation.

*Thirdly,* To guard your People against a Delusion that has been usually practis'd by the Enemy, as oft as Designs of this

Kind have been set on foot; namely, That the Person, whose Cause they espouse, will content himself with the Exercise of his own Religion, and with the Enjoyment of such a Prerogative as the Constitution allows; and that no Change in our Religion will be attempted, nor any of the Laws broken through by which it is now secured. To arm your People against this Delusion, you cannot use a more effectual Way, than to revive upon their Minds the State of Things in the Reign of King James the Second; particularly the great Progress that was made in so short a Time towards the introducing of Popery, and the Endeavours that were used by him to bring about a Parliamentary Repeal of the Laws against it; and when that failed, his suspending and setting them aside, by the groundless Claim of a dispensing Power. And all this, after the most solemn Declaration at his coming to the Crown, that he would make it his Endeavours to preserve the Government both in Church and State, as established by Law. The Declaration, of which this is a Part, was made openly in Council, and then printed and dispersed with his Majesty's Leave.

THESE are the Things which I earnestly recommend to the Attention of my Clergy at this Time: And I do it with the greater Earnestness, because I am very sensible how much Pain have been taken of late Years, not only to abate the just Fears and Apprehensions the People formerly had from a popish Government, but even to bring some among us to entertain too favourable Thoughts of Popery itself.

AND so, commending you, and the People committed to your Care, to the Blessing and Direction of God, I remain,

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*Your assured Friend and Brother,*  
EDM. LONDON.

September 26. Orders are issued from the War-Office, for all the Regiments in England to repair to the North.

We have received the following Particulars concerning the Troops lately arrived from Flanders; *viz.* That on the 13th Instant, three Battalions of his Majesty's Foot-Guards, with the seven Regiments of Foot, commanded by the Major-Generals Pulteney, Howard, Bragg, and Johnson; the Brigadier-Generals Douglas, and Cholmondeley; and Colonel Sowle; left the Camp at Vilvorden, and made long Marches, without having any Quarters assigned them, but pitch'd their Tents each Night, to the 19th, when they embarked at Williamstadt. Near Antwerp they met the Hessian Troops going to join the Army, who made a fine Appearance, and seem'd to be in high Spirits. — On Sunday about 4 o'Clock in the Afternoon, the above Regiments arrived at Gravesend (after the quickest Passage hitherto