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To the Publisher of the MARYLAND GAZETTE.

SIR,

Please to insert in your Paper, the French King's THANKS to the Roman Catholics in Great-Britain, and oblige

Your constant Reader,

PHILETHERUS.

My very good Friends,

**I** MIGHT be thought justly unpardonable, if, at a Time when all the World is sensible of the *imminent Services* you have done me, I only should be silent, or seem to neglect what has given me too deep and lasting Impressions of *Respect* and *Gratitude*, ever to be forgotten. If I should endeavour to recount all the numerous *Obligations* I have to you, I should neither know when to begin, nor where to make an *End*. Your Conduct, in whatever Light I view it, gives the most unspeakable Delight to my Mind: Your *Generosity* presents me even with the Image of something *romantic*, and convinces me, at last, that such a *true* and *sincere* Friendship as yours, will not only lead one to love his Neighbour as, but better than himself. You have clearly demonstrated, to me at least, that to promote my *Interest*, and aggrandize my *Family*, you are ready to sacrifice your own *Country*, and to entail perpetual *Slavery* upon it. — If I look back to the Days of that *immortal Man*, Louis XIV, our Royal Great Grandfather, I find him surrounded with the *Civilities* of your *Predecessors*, and highly indebted to them for many *Marks* of their kind *Regards*. — When Things seem'd to have an ill Aspect (for *magna est Veritas*) on his Side, — when the *Allies* were pressing forward in a *strait Line* to *Paris*, — when every Thing he could do had been experienced too weak to stop the *Course of Victory*, — when the *British Credit* was at full Height, and his *funks* into nothing, — when the *English* were within View of an *End* of their *Labours*, and be of his *Glory*, — Then they distinguish'd themselves in the *Good Old Cause* of *Absolut* and *Unlimited Monarchy*. They were too generous not to lend an helping Hand to a *Monarch* in the *proper* Sense of the Word; and by their happy Management disgraced that *General*, and assist whom neither *Force* nor *Fraud*, neither the *bravest Troops* nor the strongest *Intrenchments*, availed any Thing. — They rais'd such a prodigious *Outcry* against the *Administration*; — they press'd so vehemently for *Alterations*, as to throw down the *Public Credit*, and to break the *Measures* of the *Courtesy*.

I HAVE often entertained and feasted my Mind with this *amiable Picture*, and tho' I once persuaded myself it was *impossible*, yet I now with *Pleasure* observe, that it has not only been *equal'd*, but even *exceeded* by you their *worthy Descendants*. You, my dear Friends, have continued true to my *Interest* under greater *Difficulties* and *Discouragements* than your *Predecessors*. You have *over* exceeded my *Hopes* and my *Thanks*. There is not any Person, or Set of Persons, in *Great Britain*, who are *disaffected* to the House of *Bourbon*, but you have bestowed upon them Marks of your highest *Disspleasure*, and encouraged both to sink their *Credit* and their *Power*; nay, to hurrying is your *Zeal*, that you resent every *Aspersions* cast upon me by my *Enemies* among you, as an *Insult* offered to yourselves. — There is not, on the contrary, any, whose *Principles* or *Practices* tend to my *Advantage*, but they have received ample *Testimonies* of your *Respect* and *Good nature*. — By your *adroit* Address you have gain'd over to my *Interest* Numbers of *Heretics*, under such *Pretexts* as from any other Hands, would have pass'd for mere *Banter* and *Insult*. — When to fa-

cilitate my *Conquests*, and to pave the Way to *Universal Monarchy*, a *Rebellion* was necessary in *Scotland*, you, *mes tres chers Amis*, contrary to my *Expectations* (but not being seem'd too great a *Difficulty* for your *Virtue* to surmount), had *best* at my *Service*. And if the *Sea*, in *blends* of a *Kindness* mightily enhances the *Value* of it, never was there a *Service* more valuable: But you seem to be truly sensible of the *Duties* that are owing to a *Monarch* born by *Divine Right* to *Universal Empire*.

BLESSED be the *Engines* to which so glorious Events are owing. *Republican*, *Antimonarchical*, *Danger of the Church*, *Non-Resistance*, *Usurpation*, *Antient Royal Line*, *Hereditary and Divine Right*, *Words of Force and Energy*! and the more so, the less they are understood! How great are my *Obligations* to all these! — We know that your *late Revolution* was an *antimonarchical* *resisting Revolution*, and diametrically opposite to that *divine hereditary Right*, by which we *Monarchs* reign. You cannot, therefore, confer a greater *Obligation* on me, than to keep up those *Terms* and *important Words*, by which my *Tyranny* is supported, and your own *antient Tyranny* hopes to be restored; and to sink the *Reputation* of those *resisting Principles* and *Liberty of the Subject*, upon which your *new Establishment* is found'd, and your *old Royal Line* is excluded. — I, for my Part, shall be always ready to improve your *Services* to my own *Advantage*, to the increasing of my own *Power*, and to employ that in the *Cause* of your *antient Royal Family*, upon every *fair Opportunity*, especially of *extinguishing* my *own Demerits*.

I CANNOT dismiss this Subject, without paying my *Compliments*, in a particular Manner, to those *Reverend and Worthy* Gentlemen the *Jesuits* among you, who have so remarkably signalized themselves in my *Service*.

Venerable Fathers,

ALL Reserve and Restraint apart, let me treat you with that *Openness* and *Familiarity* which becometh *true Friends*. You have fully answered that *Character of Sagacity* and *Caution*, that *Craftiness* and *Art*, by which your *Order* is so much distinguish'd all the World over: And as your *Parts* are so admirably quick to discover the *Means*, to your *Industry* has been no less indefatigable in the Application of them to promote my *Interest*. I cannot dissemble the *Satisfaction* I have received, when I have so often seen with what a *constant and unwearied Diligence*, and at the same Time, with what *artful Caution*, you not only promoted *Disaffection* to your *Government*, and *supposed* *antient hereditary Right*; but, by your *deceitful Managements*, likewise engaged a *Multitude of Heretics* in the same *Cause*. — The young Men from the *University*; and the old Men that has been long in the World, have been made by you to blow the *Trumpet of Sedition*. You have reconcil'd them to that *unparalleled Contradiction* of *rebelling* against *Hereditary*, and *resisting* *Divine* *Hereditary Right* and *Heavenly* *Non-Resistance*. Words terrible to the *Protestant Successors*. How much have I received from them, and how much more shall do I expect?

I SHOULD seem to question the *Strength* of your *Understanding*, did I offer to make any *Apolgy*, to you for that *Passage* of the *Prince's* *Manifesto*, wherein he declares, that my *Brother of England's* sole Intention is, to restore all his *Subjects* in the full *Enjoyment* of their *Rights* on *Laws* and *Liberties*. You very well know, in your *Promises* to ever found *Policy*, or *Prudence* might induce you to make, he could not however perform any in *Prejudice* of the *Church*. This I can assure you of from the *Authority* of your *late Holy Father*, *Pope Clement XI*, who, in *Tom. II*, page 179, of his *Acts*, published in *Folio* at *Rome*, 1724, declares, "all *Promises* whatsoever, or *Stipulations* made, in *Favour* of