

come to our Knowledge hath been without offence.

About three or four Months ago one Mr Ellis a Priest who lived at New Town in this County went from thence in order to go as it was said to settle at a Danish Island in the West Indies and has never since Returned and we know of no other Priest who has lately lived among us who has been absent from his Residence nor do we know of any unlawful Meetings of Negroes.

We are not yet informed who have been the Authors of those Reports mentioned in your Excellency's Letter which have been in some Places so industriously spread, If we should Discover them we should take proper Measures for their being brought to Justice as Enemies to their Country's Peace and friends to a Faction who labour to foment animosities amongst us to the endangering our common Security. We are with the greatest regards

Sir Y^r Excellency's mo: Obed. Serv^t
Philip Key, Tho: Asquith, J^r Bond,
Jach Bond, A Barnhouse, Mill,
W^m Williams, Tho: Greenfield.

To His Excellency Horatio Sharpe
Esq: Governor of Maryland

May it please your Ex^{ty} & Hon^{ty} Charles County Oct. 21 1755

Your O^r Pleasure touching the Reports of the tumultuous Meetings & Cabaling of Negroes, the Misbehaviour of the Roman Catholics in some Counties and the absence of some of the Priests in this Province intimated to you, was signified to us Justices of the County afo^r by Letter from Mr Rapp on the 15th of August last as the foundation of such Reports did not fall within our Notice as Magistrates of this County, we have with Patience & Circumspection in our several Neighbourhoods, waited to see if time would produce any Cause or Information to any of us, of any such Matters suggested to your Excellency & honours; but as nothing of that sort has happened here or come to any of our knowledges, we presume such Reports must be without foundation, as to any in this County.

The Duty we owe to his Majesty & this Government, as Magistrates the Requisites your Excellency and honours have been Pleas'd to charge us with, and such as from time to time you may Judge proper to intimate we hope will have their proper weight in our future Conduct, and ever be regarded with the utmost Deference by

Your Excellency's & Honours mo: Obed. Humble Serv^t
Gustavus Brown, Allen Davis, R Harrison
Robt Yates, Arthur Lee J^r Nivison
Sam: Hanson, Will^m Pilbeck, Walter Hanson

Ordered that the Clerk of this Board write the following Letter to the Justices of Annaprindel, Baltimore, Calvert Prince Georges, Frederick, Cecil, Kent, Dorchester, Worcester, Somerset, Queen Anne and Talbot Counties.