

their Priests had been about our County Court hereupon have made diligent enquiry into these Particular facts and do not find that there have been any tumultuous Meetings or Labellings of Negroes or that the Roman Catholics in this County have misbehaved, as to Priests of that Persuasion We do not know any who reside in this County and are ignorant if any whose residence are in other County have been absent from the Duties of their Office, We have made strict enquiry by our Constables of the Number of proper Papists within this County and by their means do find the Number of Persons of that Persuasion to be forty three Males and eight Females and few of these Peoples Property but chiefly of the meaner Class, These things Sir our Court have desired me to inform you in order to be laid before his Excellency and the Honourable Board I am

Chester

Nov. 24th 1755.

Your Very humble servant
D Hands.

Sir

We have since the Receipt of yours made strict enquiry in relation to the Tumultuous meetings and Labellings among the Negroes (within this County) and also in respect to the behaviour of the Roman Catholics which are every where and upon the strictest Enquiry find such Reports to be groundless and without foundation, as to this County, for that there has been no such Meetings & Labelling among the Negroes neither has those Persons of the Roman Catholic Persuasion in any manner as we can learn misbehaved themselves, and as for Romish Priests there is not any that we know or hear of that reside within this County and are

Chester County 8th Nov 1755

Y^r Most humble servants
John Henry, J^r. Scarborough, Adam Spence, J^r. Mitchell,
John Evans, Co. Dickinson, Tho. Handy, John Laws.

Sir

In Answer to yours from the Honourable Council Board dated Aug^r 15th We Certifie that upon the strictest Enquiry into the matters therein to us recommended, We find that there is not any Popish Priest resident amongst us and but very few Papists and they by all accounts Peaceable and of good behaviour nor have We any Information of any Tumultuous Meetings or Labellings of Negroes but that in every respect his Lordships Place is well kept in this County of Chester

Decem^r 3rd 1755

Signed by Order of Court
W Ireland
Chesh. County Nov. 12th 1755.

Sir

We have made the enquiry mentioned in your Letter of the 15th August last and do not find there has been any tumultuous Meetings or Labellings of Negroes within this County, nor do We find that any Persons of the Roman Catholic Persuasion here have misbehaved in such a manner, as to give his Majesty's loyal Subjects just cause to fear an Insurrection. There is not any Roman Catholic Priest or Jesuit at this time (nor has been for many years last past) residing in this County, be pleased to communicate this to the Governor & Council. We are

Y^r Obedient Servants
Risd n Boyman, James Edge, Mat Tighman, John
W Thomas, Rob Goldborough, Trust Thomas, James