

and about ten Miles from Mount Vernon in the province of Pennsylvania, that
except about four years which he spent in the service he always resided in Pennsylvan-
ia till August 1754 when he travelled into this province to see the country, and
two or three Days after he came thither he was employed by one James M^r Donald
an Irish Catholic in Baltimore County with whom he worked for him about a Month
at plantation Business, and that he also boarded with him during that time
that while he lived with him M^r Donald carried him to a Parish Chapel near
New Creek where one Priest Neale officiated, and that as they were returning M^r Donald
told him that he had heard at Chapel, that the Legislature was about to make a
Law to disarm the Catholics, prevent their going to Mass, and to lay them under
many severe Restraints as the Catholics were in Ireland; that Priest Neale
afterwards came to M^r Donalds while the Informant worked there to christen his
Child Susannah and that he happening to come in from the field for some
Drink just after the Ceremony was bid to sit down by M^r Donald, the Priest
Thomas Burgen, and Darby Tool being also in the Room, that while this Informant
sat there, the Priest told the rest of the Company that a Body of French had been
heard attacked and defeated by one Washington at a place called the Little
Meadows between Virginia, and the Ohio, and that after killing a great many
of the English, they had been merciful and generous enough to let the rest retire &
carry off their wounded though they could easily have cut them all off without any
Loss on their Side, that the Priest thence took Occasion to enlarge much on the
Power, Riches, Valour and Generosity of the French Nation and said that he
believed if the English had been victorious, the French would not have been treated
with such Lenity and Indulgences; that M^r Donald and Tool said they believed
it would be better for the Roman Catholics of this province if it was subjected to
the French Government, and asked M^r Neale what he thought of that Matter,
that the Priest answered he did not know but it might, and said that he thought
any young people who had no Plantations or Families, would do well in going
to the Settlements that the French were making to the Westward, and that he was
persuaded they would be kindly received and well treated. The Informant saith that
this Discourse made such an Impression on him that he thereafter entertained
Thoughts of leaving Maryland, and going back that he was afterwards confirmed
in that Resolution by another conversation that happened at Darby Tools - When
M^r Donald told him that he had no more Work for him, this Informant says he
hired himself to one Darby Tool a Catholic, and worked for him about a
fortnight, that he afterwards served one Thomas Burgen 8. or 9. Days, and then
worked 10. or 12. days for one Joseph Burshaw, a Protestant in that Neighbourhood.
This Informant says also that happening after he had worked there to go to
Darby Tools for his Wages in Company with M^r Donald, at whose House he