

and murdered, all which being read, this Board do humbly advise that his Excellency would be pleased to lay them before the Right Honourable the Earl of Loudoun.

His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the following Address  
To his Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq. Governor and Commissioner in Chief in and over the Province of Maryland.

The humble Address of the House of Delegates.

May it please your Excellency.

Your Excellency will find by the Report and Depositions herewith sent that some Persons professing the Roman Catholic Religion have taught and one doth still teach School within this County, and as we have Reason to believe there are many such Schools established in the different Counties of this Province, and have not now time to make a full Inquiry, we request your Excellency would be pleased to direct the Statutes of our Mother Country in Force in this Province guarding against such Offences to be carried into Execution whereby a Stop may be put to an Evil which if not timely prevented may be productive of great Mischief to the good People of this Province.

2. May 1757.

Read and reported to by the Lower House of Assembly signed J. Ouder.  
Henry Hooper Speaker.

By the Committee of Aggravances and Courts of Justice. 28<sup>th</sup> April 1757.

Your Committee beg leave to represent as an Aggravance that several Persons professing the Romish Religion have taught School in Baltimore County and that one doth still teach School in the said County near the Head of Deer Creek as by the annexed Depositions may appear and humbly report it as their Opinion that the tolerating such Schools in Opposition to the Statutes of our Mother Country must greatly tend to the poisoning the Minds of the Youth of this Province, and alienating their Affections from our present most happy Establishment in Church and State but submit it to the Consideration of the honourable House. Signed J. Ouder.  
B. Nicholson C.

The Deposition of Archibald Standiford of Baltimore County taken the 28<sup>th</sup> April 1757  
This Deponent being sworn on the holy Evangel of Almighty God saith that he hath kept a School the last year in the said County near my Lady's Manor, and that the said Com<sup>rs</sup> warranted two or three Persons for schooling their Children, and at the time of signing one of the Warrants against William Crabtree before Justice Royce, he this Deponent heard