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Gent^l of the Lower House, refused to pass it without many Amend-
ments & these the Upper House would not agree to, being of Opinion
that the Bill as it was first drawn was severe enough, & sufficient to answer
every good End that could be desired, by any Protestants who delighted
not in Persecution. The Step which the Gent^l of the Upper House
had taken in proposing such a Bill, added to the Report which the
Justices had made, had this Effect however that it quieted the Minds
of the People, & silenced those who had endeavoured, to inflame & terrify
them. I have since ordered another Circular Letter to be wrote & sent
to the Justices desiring them to enquire again & inform me how the Roman
Catholics in the several Counties have behaved, since they had
made their last Report, in a Packet marked N^o 2 I shall transmit
Your L^{dy} Copies of all their Answers which will, I am apt to think,
incline Your L^{dy} to believe, that the Roman Catholics who are
among us continue to behave as behaves good Subjects & upon the
Whole, My L^{dy} I must say that if I was asked whether the Conduct
of the Protestants or Papists in this Province hath been most unexception-
able since I have had the honour to serve Your L^{dy} I should not hesi-
tate to give an Answer in favour of the Latter

Copy of y^r Letter to M^r Calvert dated the 7th April, 1759.

Sir
An Officer that has been here some time, Recruiting having intimated to
me that he intends to set off to Morrow Morning for N^y Y^{ork} the
Opportunity to put a Letter on board the first Packet that sails to me
& knowledge the Receipt of Your Letter dated the 27th of Novemb^r which did
not however reach me till the Beginning of this Month & to inform you