

We are some what surpris'd to find the Roman Catholics  
in Britain in forming Opinions from Proposals in  
England in relation to our Laws since the severest of  
them are more indulgent to them than the Statute made  
in the 5<sup>th</sup> and 52<sup>th</sup> years of his late Majesty King W<sup>m</sup>  
the Third Chap. 4. which Expressly Extends this Majesty's  
Penalty and the Dominion thereto belonging And so  
we presume neither they nor the learned whose Opinions  
they have taken will Disavow the Force of the same  
whereas we beg leave to observe y<sup>t</sup> the act of 1704  
w<sup>ch</sup> the quality of popery here were not only suspended as  
they would have it but actually repealed their ends run  
Be put poorly answered But since by these means  
those Gent have plainly demonstrated that they insist upon  
their Indulgences no matter not of favour but of right.  
We think ourselves Obliged to Declare our  
Opinions that they not any right to further indulgences  
than that Statute gives them.

And acknowledge your Excellency's Goodness in so la-  
ring their Case to their Maj<sup>ties</sup>, as to give their Maj<sup>ties</sup> an Occas-  
ion to declare themselves so much to our Satisfaction

We are well Assured the Romanists and their  
adherents did not design your Excellency either Honour or profit in  
making you y<sup>r</sup> only mirror of their Proceedings for supporting  
the protestant Interest but we must with all quietude acknow-  
ledge your Excellency's Generosity and Goodness in defending  
the Honour of your Majesty so far as the Influence of  
their Condemnations which were it such that thereby they  
accomplish their Ends in your Honour and Obedience in  
more pliable to the Intemperance, Conclude we being God Bless'd  
would not let fail them, for we who have so long  
enjoyed the happy Influence of a Church of England  
Observments cannot easily give it up to Popery's  
while we are blest with a Protestant King and  
great Britain and a protestant Parliament and  
Government