

FORBEAR making any renunciation of their
pretensions, and altho the many defeats, they have
met with during my Administration, may have
discouraged them from an open procedure; yet
it is highly probable they wait a more favourable
conjuncture to put their Designes in Practice -

Their Attempts have already given
great uneasiness and heart burnings to his
Majestys faithfull Subjects here, and in particular
created to me, Your Governour, much trouble
& Inquietude - I can truly say my Life has
been Uncomfortable, from that period I first
rejected their projects, and am now become a memorable
Instance of the Effects of Popish Malice -

I am informed their have been late affronts
and Insults Offered by papists and their Adherents
to Officers in Authority who fall not into their
Measures; by which it seems to be their resolution
to Endeavour not only by Secret Calumnies but even
by Violence to terrify all good men from opposing
them -

I take it therefore to be Absolutely
necessary Machinations in so clear a light, as I
hope will for the future Silence their Candours
or expose those Disturbers of the publick
Tranquility to the Lash of those Laws, that
were long since provided against them -

I shall not now entertain you with an
Historicall relation of Obtaining the first
Grant of this Province nor yet mention
the Administration of the Government under
the late Lord Propriys believing it will
suffice that I acknowledge, the Papists
had more than an Equal Share with the Protestants
in holding Judiciale and Ministeriale Offices -

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