

Mary took was granted in all to them from  
the Rigour of the penal Laws in England is a position  
of theirs that Long the world and perhaps  
I am the first that has discovered or at least maintained  
it was an imposition for they cannot have a better  
right than what the Charter admits them to  
and in my opinion there is so far from a provision  
being made therein that the Govern<sup>t</sup> should be  
in their hands in any Degree that there is not  
even an Exception made for the free Exercise of their  
Religion. — It has been affirmed, that Cecilius Lord-

Baltimore Published a Declaration, Inviting all Persons  
that belicod in the Name of Jesus to settle and Inhabit  
this Province promising them all equal Priviledges yet  
I presume it will be admitted, that Noble Lord could  
not give greater powers than he had —

SO after all the  
Priviledges Immunities mentioned in the Charter —  
Towards the conclusion there is this proviso made viz:  
" Provided always, that no Interpretation be admitted  
" thereof, by which Gods. body. and truly Christians —  
" P<sup>re</sup>gian, or the Allegiance due unto us our heires —  
" and Successors may in any wayes suffer any prejudice  
" or

THE Charter was granted by King  
Charles the first who was a protestant and certainly  
could not intend this Proviso in favour of any other  
Religion than that of which he was a Zealous  
Professor — But to make this more evident  
It is expressly stipulated in the body of the Charter  
That all Churches Chapells and Oratories, be Dedicated  
and Consecrated according to the Law  
of the Kingdom of England this so well explains  
it self that it wants no Comment, I am only  
Surpriz'd from what latent Cause the Papists  
Derive any Priviledges here beyond what the  
Connivance of the Governem<sup>t</sup> may Indulge.

(Thurs)