

granted him, which if your Lordships vouchsafe to do, will oblige us to have a grateful sense of your Lordships favour therein and will sufficiently demonstrate to us your Lordships Justice and firm resolutions of preserving us in our Religious, Civil Rights and Liberties and will put a check to the aspiring efforts of both our secret and open adversaries, on the contrary the recalling (or curtailing) the power and Authority of the Governour at this juncture cannot fail to gratifie those Papists who have very lately soared to that height of Impudence as to threaten his person and undervalue his power upon his causing a due prosecution to be made ag<sup>t</sup> those Papists who had daringly & openly drunk the Pretenders health as King of great Britain and audaciously caused his most sacred Maty King George (whom God long preserve) and on the Governours absence upon the necessary occasions of the County) in the night of that day on which they commemorate the supposed Anniversary or birth of the said Pretender had caused some of the great Guns at the Seat of Government to be loaded, and fired off to the terror and amarm<sup>t</sup> of the Inhabitants and in Contempt of his most sacred Maty and your Lordships good rules and Government of this Province.

And this would not only discourage his Matys Protestant Subjects here, and to profess their Minds with fear and jealousy to see themselves so much subjected to the power of Papists and a Governour removed who has so signally Executed and Continues still with an unbiassed resolution to exert his Authority for the Support of your prerogatives & promoting your interest rendering your Governour most acceptable to all the Inhabitants here except those who are disaffected to the Protestant Succession and interests by making the happy Constitution and Laws of great Britain and this your Province the Example and rule of his Governm<sup>t</sup>.

May it please your Lordships, It is out of a deep Concern and hearty zeal for your Lordships Honor and Interest that we have thus presumed, (not to direct you in) but Humbly to informe and lay before you the true State of these your Affairs being jealous least your Lordships Indulgence to Roman Catholics who have in such publick manner declared themselves Enemies to the happy Establish<sup>t</sup> of the Crown of great Britain, and your Protestant Governm<sup>t</sup> here should by any means lay your administration obnoxious to the Censures of his Royall Maty upon whom under God the Security and Safety of our Religion and Government depends or should in any ways alienate from you the Minds and affections of your Protestant people here.

We heartily and sincerely pray that Infinite Wisdom and Goodness may so direct and influence all your Councils and Administrations that your Conduct therein may ever have the Continuance and