

of another persuasion since it is no longer in their power to do you any injury.

However I may have been personally ill represented in Great Britain for doing my approved duty of executing the Laws against such as made no scruple to invade them - Yet I shall never forgett that maxim I learned when a Soldier that whilst the enemy was in Arms to oppose them with a vigorous Resolution, but when Providence was pleased to bless the juster side with the advantage to treat them with Humanity.

I hope the Gentlemen of the Romish Communion will prudently ponder their own Interest and content themselves with the lenity of the Government they live under who admits them in this Province to an equal share of Priviledges with the rest of their fellow Subjects, the bearing of Offices alone excepted to my knowledge & this would be thought an inestimable blessing by the Protestants who live in the Roman Catholicks Dominions if nothing more was expected from them than a Dutifull Submission to the Laws of their Country - which no wise State will ever suffer to be infringed.

I have on severall occasions recommended to you the absolute necessity of Propagating Learning in this Province by making some competent provision for Schools and it would be happy if there was a foundation at least for one in every County - But as yet there is but slender encouragement given nay the funds that are directed for the maintenance of schools are of so unreasonable a nature that unless you think proper to make better provision to that Pious and usefull End even the School of Annapolis will begin to decrease & flourish must for want of due support be laid aside.

The Province is now in the most happy Condition that ever it was since the first settlement. I bless God I live to see the happy Change in your affairs, since then Providence has been so indulgent to you and put the means into your hands that you yourselves to advance the Honor & Interest of your Country for the particular good of your Children who were they sensible of the irretrievable loss they will sustain in the want of a Liberal Education in their Youth they would join their Tears to my Intreaties.

By the Lord Propoy and Guilford's Commands I laid before the last Session of Assembly his Highness's Right to the Ordinary Licences and at your Request it was left to the Consideration of this Session.

I have again received Instructions to the like purpose and shall communicate them unto you and hope they will meet with no difficulty considering the just Claim of my Lord Propoy and your urgent Necessity of a Regulation in the Ordinary.

Gentlemen - As my Lord Propoy & Guilford have most