

Happen to interrupt it - we are sure that none who are either good subjects to our Sovereign or really well wishers to his Majesty and this Province could be instrumentall in the Directing your Excellency from the prosecution of such good designs or in the Making you uneasy in the unbyes'd Methods of your administration.

But that Papists and their adherents should attack your Excellency's Character and Interest seems not strange but rather the natural product of your Excellency's regard for the Establishment of the Protestant Interest and (Defending it against the attempts of those who valued themselves so much upon the advances they had made by deceiving and imposing upon their Majesties) towards introducing themselves into an equal share with the Protestants of the administration of the Government of this Province which their Majesties on better Information did so readily and justly Deprive them off to our great Satisfaction

Such a regard as this is Cause enough to excite their utmost endeavours against the best of men; We doubt not their will, and hope we can't be blamed if we endeavour to restrain their power.

What other Causes of Complaint the Gentles your Excellency mentions can have against you we cannot imagine and take this opportunity of Declaring if we know not of ever your Excellency has done them any Injury either by your person or your Government if your Excellency is pleased to give us of the steps the Roman Catholics were taking to advance their power is very Convincing and lays us under the greatest obligations of gratitude to your Excellency for so generously opposing them and setting the whole matter in a clear light before their Lordships, without which these their subtil seducitall Practices might have (Possibly) past for truth the consequences whereof we presume not to determine

The more vehement the Romans and their adherents are in their endeavours to heap indignities upon your Excellency the stronger is the evidence of your Excellency's Sincerity to the present Establishment in Church and State to which the Roman Catholics are known to have so great an aversion both by inclination and principle that it can be deemed no Honor for a true Protestant to have their applause nor any scandall to suffer their reproach and as their Lordships on your Excellency's representation to them have been so just to your Excellency's Character and Conduct as not to give way to the insinuations of the Papists on their groundless fears and jealousies where they had not the Confidence to assigne the least of Facts but on the contrary have signified their approbation of your Integrity to their Lordships in keeping them within due bounds by such Gentle Methods as you have always taken, so we hope their Lordships will look upon any fresh Complaints that have or shall be made against you - H