

excellency as Groundless as the former without good proof it being
 as unlikely to find papists under a protestant Government without complaints
 in case they are listened to, as to find fire without warmth or water with-
 out moisture.

We are some what surpris'd to find the Roman Catholics
 so active in procuring Opinions from Lawyers in England in
 Relation to our Laws since the severest of them are more indulgent
 to them than the Statute made in the 11th and 12th Years of his Late
 Majesty King W^m the third Chapt. 4th which expressly extends to his
 Majesty's Realms and the Dominions thereto belonging and w^{ch} we
 presume neither they nor the Clergy whose Opinions they have
 taken will disallow the force of here, from whence we beg leave to
 observe y^t if the act of Assembly (the growth of property) here were not
 only suspended as they would have it but actually repealed their
 Ends would be but poor if Answer'd. But since by these means
 those Gents have plainly demonstrated that they insist upon
 their Indulgences as matters not of favour but of right.

We think ourselves oblig'd to declare our Opinions that they
 not any right to further Indulgences than that Statute gives them
 and acknowledge your Excellency's Goodness in so stating their
 case to their Lordsh^{ps}, as to give their G^{ts}, an occasion to declare
 themselves so much to our Satisfaction.

We are well assured the Romanists and their adherents
 did not design your Excellency either Honour or profit in making
 you y^r only Mark of their Revenge for supporting the protestant Interest
 but we must with all Gratitude acknowledge your Excellency's Generosity
 and Goodness in Defending at the Hazard of your Interest so far as
 the Influence of their could reach which were it such that thereby
 they accomplish their Ends in your Removal and obtain a Successor
 more pliable to their Intereases, (which we pray God prevent) would
 at last fail them, for we who have so long enjoyed the happy
 influence of a Church of England Government cannot easily
 give it up to papists while we are Blest with a protestant King on
 y^r throne of Great Britain and a protestant proprietor und^r him
 to Govern us whose Justice and goodness we have amply experienced
 in rejecting their Complaints by continuing us under their immediate
 administration of your Excellency, so hearty an Sponsor of the present
 Establishment both in Church and State.

We are not ignorant of the plotting unsteady and revengefull
 Temper as well as proud and Turbulent behaviour of Mr.
 Maenemaer ever since his first coming into this Province but
 more especially since he had had the opportunity to insinuate #