

Now seeing that the Roman Catholics are the open and professed
friends of the party which kicks at Government & that Mr. Tho:
Maeremara not with standing your Letters & kind the fruit-
less Endeavours to bring him to a knowledge of himself and to such
just Submissions as might for the time to come preserve your
Bishops Authority and the Dignity and Jurisdiction of your Courts
here against the Contempts and Insults of audacious Persons that affront
in them hath never offered himself to make any such Submission
as was by your Letters required of him and believing him to be
supported as well as encouraged by the Romish party the two
Houses of Assembly being determined to fall upon the Concept of
such Measures as might most Effectually procure the peace of
this Province and discourage the Practices of the Enemies of
our present Establishment resolved to repeal the act of Assembly
to prevent the Growth of Popery whereby the Papists are now left
in the same Condition they were in before the Making of the said
act against which many Complaints were heretofore made by them
altho now as much dissatisfied to see the repeal of it because they
find themselves obliged to regulate their Conduct according to
such Statutes of Great Brittain as extend to his Majesty's Dom^{ns}
and impose much greater penalty upon Delinquents than we
are any ways willing to make use of provided those Gent^l of y^e
Romish persuasion will demean themselves quietly & Peaceably
according to your Lordships Pleasure signified to them.

But such is the restless Spirit of those people that not
content with the favour and Indulgence of the Government
in looking at the allowance of their worship tho' notoriously
publick they were very busy in making Interests and parties
for votes at the election of Delegates to serve in Assembly w^{ch} being
observed by the lower House and apprehending the same practice
at Election of a Citizen the present Sessions of Assembly for the City
of Annapolis they prepared a bill to Disable the Papists & all other
Quakers excepted who are otherwise Qualified that should
refuse the oath appointed by Law from giving their votes at
the election for Burgesses to serve in Assembly this my Lordships
is the true reason of making the act which fills the Roman
Catholics with Complaints of being deprived of their birth rights
which as they say the Papists enjoy even in Great Brittain
whereas in truth we have done nothing but w^{ch} is agreeable
to a Statute of Great Brittain made in the seventh or eighth
of the late King William Chap: 27th Stat: 4th 19.

May it please your Lordships Mr. likewise think it