

great expense and loss of time in attendance of Courts and when
on a hearing the Greatness of their oppression by such severe execution
have been made appear they have been Dismissed the Court and
could recover no Cost against the said Buchfield because of his
acting on behalf of the Crown altho' the trouble and charge of such
defence might have been saved to the people in case the aforesaid
Buchfield or his attorney had not proceeded after so unbecoming and
unmannered against such Defendants without
demand or notice Ser^{ts} of them having declared in their answers upon
oath if they were never demanded by the said Maurice Buchfield
Esq. or any other on Her Majesties Behalf to give any account of the
matter in the Bill until they were served with Subp^{as} - to answer
the same of which they declare if said Maurice Buchfield might
have had the utmost satisfaction they were able to give upon Subp^{as}
to testify a request made without being put to the unnecessary
charge to answer the same inform according to the proceedings
of the Court of Chancery

And because the said Maurice Buchfield Esq. is an officer
employed under His Majesty in the affairs of the Crown we have
been very tender of giving any countenance to the persons damnified
to seek any remedy at His Majesty's hand for the damage they have sustained
by the rigour of such proceedings against them or to make any act
here to remedy the aggrievance complained of all tho' we are well satisfied
the ambitious & litigious Temper of the person employed by the said
Maurice Buchfield Esq. as his attorney at Law for the sake of
increasing his fees has been the chief cause of the aggrievance
complained off - and only begg the favour of Your Lordships
to take what methods Your Lordships in Your Great Wisdom
shall think proper for the procuring such necessary Cautions to be
given to such officers for the future as may prevent their oppressing His Majesty's
Subjects here at His Majesty's own expense and charge by having the decrees
of the Crown wasted in the prosecuting useless suits at Law without any
cause or very trifling sums for recovery of which the Law of the Land
give remedy by a Justice of the peace according

May it please Your Hon^{rs}

Your two Houses of Assembly do in your last place
begg leave to assure you that nothing Transacted in this present
Session hath been carried on with any Design of Drawing the
Papists into a prosecution

But that notwithstanding any act that we have made
they may still if they please enjoy the same Indulgence they
formerly had by the connivance of the Government so long as