

Papists for one Protestant in the Neighbourhood where he lives; and that within the Distance of ten Miles, there are three Popish Chapels, wherein their Worship is publicly performed; and further saith not.

October 26, 1753.

Taken before me, ROBERT JENCKINS HENRY.

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JAMES I. WARWICK.
Mark.

ROBERT CHESLEY, of Saint Mary's County, Gentleman, aged about forty Years, being sworn on the holy Evangelists of almighty God, deposeth, That some Time last March, he was at a Ball, in Company with Col. Fitzbugh, and sundry Others; in Conversation some Jokes happened between some Gentlemen of the Church of Rome, and said Fitzbugh, about Religion, which appeared to this Deponent disagreeable, and seemed to rife a few of said Church; and, to avoid Discord, at that Time, this Deponent began to sing,

*Stand round my brave Boys,
With Heart and with Voice, &c.*

who was immediately broke in upon, by Mr. Charles Sewall, who said, I was a loyal Subject, and supposed I should stand by our King till I fell or he fell; to which this Deponent answered, take Care, those Words are some thing like Misprision of Treason, and that he would have him take Care what he said, for there was the Judge of the Court by, on which one William Leigh and William Cavenough, broke in abruptly and said, it was no Misprision of Treason; that this Deponent was a Scoundrel and sundry other aggravating Words too tedious to mention, wanted to fight, &c. On which this Deponent called on the Judge of the Court, Mr. Thomas Asquith, to take Notice of them; and further saith not.

October 27, 1753.

Sworn to before me, THOMAS JENNINGS.

ROBERT CHESLEY.

October 27, 1753.

THAT Clement Smith, Son of Mr. Walter Smith, deceased, told me, That Walter Hoxton, the Son of Hyde Hoxton, deceased, a Protestant, who intermarried with the Mother of said Clement Smith, was sent to St. Omer's to be there educated, and is there, as I am informed, at this Time; for that the said Clement told me lately, since the Death of said Hoxton, that his Mother would endeavour to prevail on him, the said Walter Hoxton, to remain longer at St. Omer's; and, I am told, that in the last Sickness of said Hyde Hoxton, Mr. Lake, the Incumbent of the Parish he lived in, constantly attended him, and that he died in the Communion of the Church of England, and was buried at the Parish Church aforesaid, by the said Lake.

EDWARD GANTT.

Which Report was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Bill intituled, *An Act to repeal Part of an Act intituled, An Act for the Confirmation of the Lands therein mentioned to Richard Bennett, Esq;* was read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Capt. Williamson brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill intituled, *An Act to enable the Persons therein named to levy, assess, and apply the Money therein mentioned;* which was read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Richard Lee, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Bill intituled, *An Act to impower the several Courts within this Province to order Commissions for the Examination of Witnesses, &c.* indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, October 29, 1753." Read the second Time and will pass, the Words *or Tobacco* being inserted, in the last Line of the 2d Page, between *Moneys* and *due*; and in 4th Line of the last Page, after the Word *Moneys*, put *or Tobacco*."

Which Bill was read here, and with the Amendments proposed, passed for ingrossing.

Col. Tasker from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Bill intituled;