

Interest. And we cannot but be of Opinion, that the open and unrestrained Practice of sending Youth to Foreign Popish Seminaries for Education, has this pernicious Scheme in View; we therefore think it to be incumbent on a Protestant Legislature to guard against the Consequences of that dangerous Practice, as it is not only that there is in those Seminaries a Root of Enmity irreconcilable to his Majesty's Government, and the Religion of his Kingdoms. Having thus shewn the general Influence of the Popish Faction, and the Countenance and Encouragement that have been given it, and consequently the Propriety and Necessity of our Remonstrances, we proceed to elucidate those particular Facts which were the Subject of our former Address.

To begin then with the Affair of the Criminal in *St. Mary's* County, of which we shall now give a minute Detail, though we before thought the Particulars unnecessary: This Offender had, by repeated Acts of Violence, rendered himself so obnoxious to the Neighbourhood he lived in, that when he fled from the Justice due to the Crime he last perpetrated, and for which he was afterwards condemned, a Contribution of Three Thousand Pounds of Tobacco was given to apprehend him; after his Condemnation those Persons or some of the Principal of them, who had contributed towards this Sum for apprehending him, were applied to, to solicit his Pardon, which they refused; the Man had hitherto professed himself a Protestant, and was attended for some Time in Goal by a Minister of the Church of *England*; afterwards a Jesuit was admitted to him, and he became a Profelyte to the Church of *Rome*: The Persons, or some of the Principal of them, who contributed to have him apprehended, and who had been before applied to in vain, now solicit his Pardon and obtain it. This is a bare Recital of Facts, which we shall submit to your Excellency with the fewest Comments, that the Circumstance of his becoming a Profelyte to the Church of *Rome*, remarkable as it was, was unknown to your Excellency till our Address gave you the Information of it, altho' those Gentlemen of the firmest Loyalty and Attachment to his Majesty, one of them especially who is a Lawyer and a Judge, did or ought to have known, if the Doctrine in the before cited Proclamation is true, that the Person they recommended to your Excellency's Clemency, as well as the Jesuit who perverted him, were guilty of High Treason.

With respect to the two Instances in *Prince-George's* County, brought by us to prove the Prevalence of the Popish Faction, we see no Reason to retract what we have said: It is certain that the Matter mentioned by your Excellency as one Inducement to yield to the Sollicitation in Behalf of the former, *Pye*, was without Foundation: Since the Fact, he was so far from alledging any Thing against *Crawford*, when he was called upon by a Grand-Jury to give his Testimony, that he declared he did not even know him; and as your Excellency has not assured us that the Application of the Protestant Gentlemen, in the Neighbourhood of these Persons, was immediately from themselves, we think we have Room to suspect, that their Names might have been made use of without their Privity and Consent; and we are the rather induced to believe this, as we are well assured by the annexed Deposition, that in the latter Instance of *Bevan's* Wife, the Party injured, *Mr. Rowell*, was not of the Number of those at whose earnest Request a Pardon was granted.

We have been the more particular in observing upon these Instances, with a Design, that such as may have presumed to give partial and delusive Informations of them to your Excellency, may be detected and censured.

It was by no Means our Intention, by our Address, to prescribe Limits to your Excellency's Clemency, to controvert your Power of Pardoning Delinquents, or invade or infringe any other the undoubted Rights of the Supreme Magistrate: But when we see these Powers exercised against the true Spirit of a *British* Constitution, we presume it to be our undoubted Right to remonstrate against it; and we can assure your Excellency, that, in doing so, in these particular Instances, we have not acted against the Sense and Desire of our Constituents.

As your Excellency is at a Loss to know what the Expectations of the People were, with respect to the Attorney-General *Henry Darvall*, Esq; and the Judge his Brother, we hope we shall not offend in acquainting you that they are no other, than that they should be Removed from those Places of Trust and Profit they enjoy; and these Expectations of the People, we think far from being unreasonable. It may be true, that they have conformed to the Established Church; but it is no less true, that since their Conformity they have afforded Proofs, by no Means equivocal, of their Attachment to, and Continuance in, their old Religious Principles. The Attorney-General, for Instance, sent his Son to a Popish Seminary for his Education, and the Wives and Children of Both continue in the open and public Profession and Exercise of the Popish Religion. Thus we refer it to your Excellency's Consideration, whether these Gentlemen have rendered themselves fully obnoxious to the People: And we assure your Excellency that we do not know, nor can believe, while the Facts here mentioned are in Sight, that they are lawfully qualified to hold any Employment.