

By the COMMITTEE of AGGRIEVANCES and COURTS of JUSTICE, 28th April, 1757.

YOUR Committee beg Leave to Represent as an Aggrievance, that several Persons professing the Romish Religion, have taught School in Baltimore County, and that one doth still teach School in the said County, near the Head of Deer-Creek, as by the annexed Depositions may appear; and humbly Report it as their Opinion, that the Tollerating such Schools, in Opposition to the Statutes of our Mother-Country, must greatly tend to the Poisoning the Minds of the Youth of this Province, and Alienating their Affections from our present most happy Establishment in Church and State: But submit it to the Consideration of the Honourable House.

Signed per Order. B. Nicholson, Clerk.

The DEPOSITION of ARCHIBALD STANDIFORD, of Baltimore County, taken 26th April, 1757.

THIS Deponent being Sworn on the Holy Evangelists of ALMIGHTY GOD, saith, That Don. Connolly kept a School the last Year in the said County, near My Lady's Manor; and that the said Connolly warranted Two or Three Persons for Schooling their Children; and at the Time of trying one of the Warrants against William Crabtree, before Justice Boyce, he this Deponent heard the said Don. Connolly then say, that the said Crabtree would not pay him, because he the said Connolly was a Papist; upon which the said Justice said, he would not be concerned with it; but desired them to leave the same to be decided by Two of their Neighbours; and further saith not.

Archibald Standiford.

Sworn to before me the Day and Year above written.

Walter Tolley.

The DEPOSITION of the Reverend Mr. THOMAS CHASE, of Baltimore County, Clerk, taken the 27th April, 1757.

THIS Deponent being Sworn on the Holy Evangelists of ALMIGHTY GOD, saith, That a School was opened in Baltimore-Town, and continued till about Six Months ago, by one Mary Anne March, a reputed Papist; and that although he this Deponent oft applied, both publicly and privately, to the Three Magistrates living then in the said Town, and who well knew the said Mary Anne March did keep School; yet, they were so far from putting a Stop to it, that one of them sent his Child to it: And this Deponent further saith, that the Protestant School-Master in the said Town, told this Deponent, he had lost many of his Scholars, which were immediately put to the Popish School; and further saith not.

Thomas Chase.

Sworn to before me the Day and Year above.

Walter Tolley.

The DEPOSITION of SAMUEL WEBB, of Baltimore County, taken the 25th April, 1757.

THIS Deponent being Sworn on the Holy Evangelists of ALMIGHTY GOD, saith, That Patrick Cavannagh served his Time with him in Quality of a School-Master; that during his Time of Service he went frequently to Mass, and always professed himself a Roman Catholic; that since the Expiration of his Service, which is about Two Years, the said Cavannagh has taught School in York County, in Pennsylvania, until some Time this Winter, when he came into this Province, and settled near the Head of Deer-Creek, in Baltimore County, where he now teaches School, and lately told this Deponent he had about Twenty Scholars; and the said Deponent further saith, that he verily believes the said Cavannagh still professes the Roman Catholic Religion; and further saith not.

Samuel Webb.

Sworn to before me the Day and Year abovesaid.

Walter Tolley.

Which was Read, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourns until the Morrow Morning at IX of the Clock.

FRIDAY MORNING, April 29, 1757.

THE House met according to Adjournment, &c.

Major Hyland hath Leave of the House to go home.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do write to Mr. Baker and Capt. Smith, to attend the Public Business.

His Excellency communicated to Mr. Speaker the following Message, viz.