



Objections Answered touching *MARILAND*.

IT may be Objected that the Lawes against the Roman Catholikes were made in order to their conformity to the Protestant Religion, for the good of their Soules, and by that meanes to free this Kingdome, of Popery, rather then of their persons, but such a Licence for them to depart this Kingdome and to go into *Mariland*, or any Country where they may have free liberty of their Religion, would take away all hopes of their conformity to the Church of *England*. Object. 1.

It is evident that Reason of State (for the safety of the King and Kingdome, more then of Religion, was the cause and end of those Lawes, for there are no such against divers other professions of Religion in *England*, although they be as different from the Doctrine of the Protestant Church, established by Law, in this Kingdome, as that of the Roman Catholiques is: And this Reason of State appears also in the nature of most of those Lawes, for they expresse great doubts and jealousies of the said Roman Catholiques affection to, and dependance on a Forraigne power, and tend therefore most of them, to disenable them by confining, disarming, &c.) from plotting or doing any mischief to the King or State, and to secure their allegiance to the King by oathes, &c. and the penalties of divers of them