

throw that hazard (if it were any) upon *Virginea* and *New England*, then to have it continue here; Much lesse cause is there to feare that they should grow strong enough of themselves to suppress the Protestants in those parts: For there are already at least three times as many protestants there, as there are Roman Catholiques in all England, And the Protestants in *Virginea* and *New Eng'land* are like to increase much faster, by new supplies of people yearely from England, &c. Then are the *Roman Catholiques* in *Mariland*, Moreover although they should, (which God forbid, and which the English Protestants in those parts will in all probability be still able to prevent) shake off any dependance on the Crowne of England; yet, first England would, by this meanes, be freed of so many suspected persons now in it: Secondly it would loose little by it: And lastly, even in that case, it were notwithstanding more for the Honour of the English Nation, that English men, although Roman Catholiques, and although not dependant on the Crowne of England, should possesse that Country then Forraigners, who, otherwise, are like to doe it: for the Swedes and Dutch have two severall Plantations already in *New England*, and upon the Confines of *Mariland*, (betweene the English Colonies in *New Eng'land* and *Mariland*) and doe incroach every day more and more upon that continent, where there is much more Land then all the Kings Protestant Subjects in all his Dominions, (were they there) would be able to possesse: But the assurance of protection from the Crowne and State of England, upon all just occasions, either of danger from A Forraigne Enemy, or