

U. H. J. As Your Excellencys Zeal always Prompted you to do whatever in You Lay for the Advantage and Interest of the Church of England so in a Perticular manner we think ourselves under an Obligation of Gratitude for your Excellencys early care for the Better Governm^t thereof Expressed in the Nomination of the two Rev^d Gentlemen Who now Act as Commissaries to the Right Rev^d Father in God John Lord Bishop of London our Diocesan from whose prudent Care and Inspection we hope to reap all the Advantages proposed & Designed by Your Excy

p. 51 Your Excellencys Concern for Removing all such difficulties as through the Scituation of the Country & the Constitution of the Province may in any way affect the Execution of his Lordships Commission, is another Argument how much You have the Interest of the Church at heart, as your Care for redressing any Other Grievances which the Clergy in Generall or Perticular may Labour under is An Undoubted Testimony of your Affections to her Ministers.

Tis true we cannot hope to see the Ecclesiasticall Cannons put in full force here, as they are in England, though we Heartily Joyn with Your Excellency in your Wishes that they might be so: yet as We have seen already things Obtained for us by Your Excellencys means beyond our Expectation so we may hope for much greater if by Gods Providence we shall be long happy under Your Government. But we should think ourselves inexcusably Impertinent if in the Proposall of means for the attaining these Pious Ends we should offer anything which might be thought Improper for Your Excy to do in Your Station

The Progress of Popery in this Province as it affects us with the Deepest Sorrow so it Sufficiently Prompts us to Diligence & Circumspection in the discharge of our Functions Especially when by the Success We may Judge of the Number and Vigilance of those Emissaries who go about Practising their Insinuating Arts and Seducing the Unwary and Ignorant. And as to ourselves we hope that Our Vigilance Zeal & Active Application to the Great Charge we have Taken upon us will be Effectuall with Gods Blessing, to the reclaiming of such as have gone astray and the Establishment of such as are at Present firm, but we Leave it to Your Excys Wisdom to think of such Methods as shall be Effectual to the restraint of such Pernicious Practices for the future.

Your Excellencys Earnest Exhortation to Peace and Unity Among Ourselves as it shews us Your Tender regard for the true Interest & Prosperity of our most holy Religion so also It is a Distinguishing mark of Your Excellency's Esteem and