

I shall send Down to Your House the Opinion of Council U. H. J.
 Learned in the Laws of Great Brittain on the Partys Suspension from his practice by that Act. The Cases as they are Stated to the Lawyers and their Sentiments on them are worthy your Observation. But I must remarke to you should this Party or Others be suffered to Insult the Courts as he has so Often done with Impunity it would Destroy the very Essence of all Authority and Power amongst you which are Principally Constituted to pull down & Punish the Haughty and the Bad, and to Support and Cherish the Humble and the Good. I do therefore recommend it to you to make such pvision as may Support the magistrates in the Admin^{con} of Justice which may not be Liable to the former Exceptions and this you will find Agreeable to their L^{pps} Opinion and Inclinations.

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses

I have the Hon^r to Receive late L^{rs} from their L^{pp} Signifying their Concern and Resentments for the Indiscreet and Malicious pceedings of some of the Roman Catholicks ag^t me p. 6 which gives me Great Satisfaction so that Depending on their L^{pps} favour and Protection It is unwillingly I again name that Communitie in a Publick manner were it not to Disabuse those psons whom they have unjustly Prepossessed ag^t me by Urging that the Roman Catholicks are under a Persecution in Maryland which in this Place is so well known to be a Notorious untruth that It scarcely Deserves a Replie.

But their Clamours on this Score haveing reached Great Brittain with very Aggravating Circumstances, I am Laid under a necessity of Justifying my Character from this Barbarous Imputation in this Open Way to the World by Declaring I never had Other Views or Intentions ag^t the Roman Catholicks but to Prevent their Employing of offices or having any Influence Either Publickly or Privately on the Adm^{con} of the Governm^t And this I look upon as my Indispensible Duty as a Gov^r and know no Cause to Alter my Sentim^{ts} when in a Private Capacity And am always ready when required to Give an Account of my Conduct and Stewardship to my Superiors

As for the unreasonable Cry of Persecution I do now in the face of the Country Challenge & defie the Roman Catholicks or their Adherents to shew one Instance wherein they or any of them have been persecuted for Conscience Sake Or p. 7 Even psecuted by Law on that Account And this I Require may be made as Publickly as Possible to the End that all that are Concerned may have due notice of it both on my Own