

long continue there, if such things bee not remidyed, I told m^r ffitzherbert of it about a yeare since in priuate, & allso th^t such things were agst the Law of the Country, Yett his answere was, th^t hee must be directed by his Conscience more then the Law of any Country, I doe not (my Lord) thrust my selfe uppon any business of quarrell, but it is peace & quietnes I desyre, & I hope yo^r L^p hath noe other cause, but to wish the same, & soe I referre the consideraõn of it to yo^u & remaine

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Yo^e L^{ps} most faythfull seruant to command Hen : Coursey.

Thomas Gerard Esq^r sayth uppon oath, That hauing conference wth M^r ffitzherbert as they were walking in the woods, & in his owne Orchard, Touching the bringing his Children to the Roman Catholique Church, Hee gaue m^r ffitzherbert reasons, why it was not safe for himselfe & this Depon^t, And the s^d m^r ffitzherbert told this Depon^t That hee would compell & force them & likewise he sayd, th^t hee would excommunicate him, ffor hee would make him know th^t hee had to doe wth the bringing up of his Children, & his Estate.

The Deposⁿ of Robert Slye aged 30 yeares or thereabouts sworne & examined in open Court, Sayth

That some time in or about July or August in the yeare 1656, m^r ffitzherbert being then att this Depon^{ts} howse, This Depon^t desyred m^r ffitzherbert to informe him, who it was th^t had scandelously & falsely accused him of beating his Irish seruants, because they refused to bee of the same Religion of him the s^d Depon^t, w^{ch} request M^r ffitzherbert refused to graunt, saying th^t hee did beleieue the Report to bee false, & therefore desyred him the s^d Depon^t not further to urge him in that busines, for he would not nor could not disclose the Author thereof, M^r ffitzherbert told the Depon^t, that M^r Gerard had allso beaten an Irish Seruant of his likewise, because shee refused to bee a Protestant, or goe to prayer wth those of his family th^t were soe, to w^{ch} the s^d Depon^t replied, That that Story was like the other, (or words to th^t purpose) ffor^r w^{ch} discourse likewise wee fell to other Relating to M^r Gerard & the Children, M^r ffitzherbert told him the s^d Depon^t, th^t M^r Gerard allthough hee professed himselfe a Roman Catholique, yett his life & conuersaõn was not agreable to his profession, The s^d Depon^t asked him his reason, M^r ffitzherbert answered because hee brought not his Wife & children to the Roman Catholique Church, Moreouer he told him the s^d Depon^t th^t if M^r Gerard would not bring his Children to his Church, hee would force & compell him thereunto, if hee were the same in reallity, th^t hee pretended himselfe to bee, Moreouer th^t if M^r Gerards life & conuersaõn was not otherwise for the future, then what it had bene formerly, hee would draw his sword agst him, if hee made choyce of him for his ffather Confess^r, or to th^t effect. By the word, Sword, this Depon^t understood th^t hee meant the Censure of the Church: