

U. H. J. his Authority to relieve and protect the Person molested, and cause
 Liber No. 35 the Person offending to be punished :
 May 4

The Oath of Fidelity taken by the Inhabitants of this Province in Virtue of an Act which passed in 1650: was to the following Effect " I will maintain to the utmost of my Power his Lordship's just and lawful Rights &c: as granted to his Lordship in his Patent under the great Seal not being any way understood to infringe or prejudice Liberty of Conscience in Matter of Religion

The Grant to Lord Baltimore who was a Papist, his Lordship's Promises & Declarations, the Confirmations of them by Act of Assembly, and the Oaths we have recited, we hope will amply justify our Assertion that the Roman Catholics were promised and allowed an Asylum here.

As you have been pleased to say that you have not discovered any Thing in History or otherwise to countenance our Assertion we shall mention some Passages from Books for your Satisfaction tho' we must observe to you that Writers may be mistaken or misrepresent, but the Evidence we have produced can't mislead.

p. 320 M.^r Bowen speaking of Maryland says, " the first Colony sent to Maryland was in the Year 1633. and consisted of two hundred People, the Chief of these Adventurers were Gentlemen of good Families, and Roman Catholics for Persons of that Religion being made uneasy /as well as protestant Dissenters/ they transported themselves to this Province hoping to enjoy there the Liberties of their Conscience under a Proprietary of their own Profession as the then Lord Baltimore was. King James 2.^d before the Revolution intended to take from the Proprietary the Power of appointing a Governor being instigated thereto by Father Peters which seems something surprizing since Lord Baltimore was of the same Religion with himself, but it must be observed that Lord Baltimore, tho' a Roman Catholic, had been so moderate or so politic as to grant full Liberty of Conscience to all those who should settle in Maryland." so far Bowen.—Ogilby in treating of this Province says " that Maryland at the vast Charge and by the unwearied Industry and Endeavour of Lord Baltimore was at first planted, and hath since been supplied with People and other Necessaries so effectually, that in the present Year 1671: the Number of English amounts unto 15: or 20,000: for whose Encouragement there is a fundamental Law established there whereby Liberty of Conscience is allowed to all who profess to believe in Jesus Christ so that no Man who is a Christian is in Danger of being disturbed for his Religion." Morden upon the same Subject says, " that the Peopling and Trade of the Province of Maryland by the vast Expence and Industry of the Lord Proprietary hath been improved to that Height; that in 1670: there were reckoned near 20000 Inhabitants & that which keeps them together in the greatest