

[Letter to the adjacent Colonies.]

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By the Assembly in Maryland 28. Aug: 1689.

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Whereas of late divers horrid conspiracies contrivances and combinations have been had, made used, practised and managed by and betweene several persons of principal note, and others in Authority within this Government, popishy and evilly affected, and the severall nations of northern and other Indians in these parts of America, tending to and designeing the ruin, destruction and utter extirpation of their Majesties loyal Protestant Subjects here, as we have good cause to suspect & believe not only from the severall evidences, depositions, examinations, inquisitions and other circumstances before us thereunto relateing, but also from the inward guilt and conviction of the principall Agents and Managers thereof, who (to evade the punishment justly due to them for the same, & not able to abide the test) have privately, unknown, and in disguise betaken themselves for refuge to some other more remote parts within our neighbouring Collonies and plantations (as we have credibly read: been informed and can testifie) and doe still abscond from the hands of justice, in the most hidden and secreete places, seeking and watching for all opportunities, and advantages by such undue, unchristian and inhumane practises and combinations as aforesaid to effect and bring to pass such their wicked intents and designes as aforesaid, to the great horror & consternation of their Majesties said Protestant Subjects here, as their feare and jealousies ariseing from such proceedings have justly insinuated and inculcated into them. And whereas there can be found noe meanes (as we know of) more effectual for the true discovery and bringing to condign punishment such grievous & heinous crimes, or more conducing to their Majesties Service and interest, and the good & welfare of their Subjects in generall, then a friendly and amicable mutuall Correspondency betweene their severall Governments (of such vicinity especially and under such circumstances as we are) Wee therefore the Delegates & representative Body of this Province now assembled and mett together in their Majesties names, and for their Majesties service, having in the first place (according to our bounden duty asserted & proclaimed their Sacred Majesties King William & Queen Mary's lawfull and undoubted right and title to this Province as well as to other their Dominions and Territoryes, as (we doubt not) you have also done; Doe in the next place as Friends, Neighbours and fellow Subjects sollicit and court your friendly and neighbourly Correspondency upon all occasions, by imparting and comunicating to us