

avowment of his said Excellency. Sirr^t Capley Esq^r
 & Mr^r Blawiston who was the only person with whom
 he permitted any private conference or imparted secrets
 to; both of whom did assure us that they had great
 Reason to suspect such things as are mentioned in
 the first part of the Letter, & saw, that they had sever-
 al Informations & should in some time get proof
 of such practices in his said Excellency. Francis Nicholson
 Esq^r as are there mentioned & thereupon the Clerk has
 by Order as we conceive prepared a Letter for us to sign it
 was tendered to us & we desired to sign it which we did
 but never after heard any proof of those Allegations nor
 any thing more of them but since that upon better
 acquaintance & knowledge of his Ex^{cellency} Nicholson
 we find the direct contrary principles in him to what
 was then asserted that he is so far from disaffecting
 the then & present constitution of Government that
 it hath been his greatest care & Study to preserve & im-
 prove the same by the best measures & means he can

And as to countenancing Papists &c^o we find nothing
 in him tending that way unless it be his Adminis-
 tering Justice to them where it is due without distin-
 guishing one Sect from another but on the contrary our
 Journals of Assembly & all other Records make appear
 & we are assured that none has ever done more by
 his persuasions Example & ^{large} Gifts to propagate the
 Protestant Religion in this province than he
 This we thought our selves obliged in Justice to say
 to your Lordships to vindicate the honour of his