

informed, raised Contributions and sent their For great
Britain to make good their Claim, and by all means, to endeavour
my remove from this Station as a main Obstacle to their Allegiance
and so sure was the Faction of their game, that my ruin was openly
threatened and one of their accomplices (whom the pleasure of Providence
has since removed to another life) went down on his knees, and with
a horrid execration said, he did not doubt to see me as fast in
prison as ever he was (who had been for Murder and other Crimes)
and my innocent Children at a begging, truly this unhappy man
(aided by the Faction did all that a base mind and desperate to
destroy my Character and Fortune but as he and the papists could
allege nothing Material for my removal which they have attempted
for some years past and my greatest Crime / in their construction being
the defence of your Law -

Providence hath hitherto preserved me from being wholly offered
up a sacrifice to their revenge but it would take up too much of your
time to Enumerate the Particulars of their Resentments so shall only
observe to you if their Fury has been so outrageous to the person of
your Governour what must the people have expected from men
of such violent and implacable spirits could they gain their ends
on those they esteemed heretics How surprising
will this appear if properly represented, that such things were acted
under the auspicious reign of his Sacred Majesty King George, the
Guardian and Defender of the Faith and in the Government of a
Lord Proprietor who has so often professed himself of the Protestant
religion under the tuition of his Noble Guardian alway of that
persuasion

How happy might those of the Romish Communion be
in Maryland had they accepted the terms offered by me in a public
Declaration which are so easy, as even their duty required to wish
that they should not interfere with the affairs of Government which did
not appertain to them, and not to prevent the Protestants from their faith,
and by consequence from their allegiance as is the constant practice
of the numerous Jesuits here, would to God the poor Protestants in
foreign parts now indeed under persecution on the behalf of Religion
might be indulged with the same lenity the Romanists enjoy here

The papists having intimated in great Britain that they
were persecuted in this Province in order to obviate that Calumny,
I was obliged at the opening of the last Session of Assembly to make them
a public challenge (which I now again repeat) to give one instance
wherein any of their Community were persecuted or ever prosecuted by
Law for Conscience sake, The only reply made on their part, was by