

are abjuration of the Realme, which puts them out of the way of conformity to the Church of *England*. Moreover, conversion in matter of Religion, if it be forced, should give little satisfaction to a wise State of the fidelity of such Convertites, for those who for worldly respects will breake their Faith with God, doubtlesse will doe it, upon a fit occasion, much sooner with men; and for voluntary conversions such Lawes could be of no use, wherefore certainly the safety of King and Kingdome was the sole ayme and end of them.

Obj. 2.

Such a Licence will seeme to be a kinde of tolleration of (at least a connivence at Popery) which some may find a scruple of conscience to allow of in any part of the Kings Dominions, because they esteeme it a kinde of Idolatry, and may therefore conceive that it would scandalize their Brethren, and the Common people here.

Ans.

Such scrupulous persons may aswell have a scruple to let the Roman Catholiques live here, though it be under persecution, as to give way to such a Licence, because banishment from a pleasant, plentiful, and ones owne native Country, into a Wildernesse, among Salvages and wild Beasts, although it proceed (in a manner from ones own election) yet, in this case, where it is provoked by other wayes of persecution, is but an exchange rather then a freedom of punishment, and perhaps, in some mens opinions, from one persecution to a worse, For divers Malefactors in this Kingdome, have chosen rather to be hanged then to goe into *Virginia*, when, upon that condition, they have bin offered their lives, even at the place of Execution, and they