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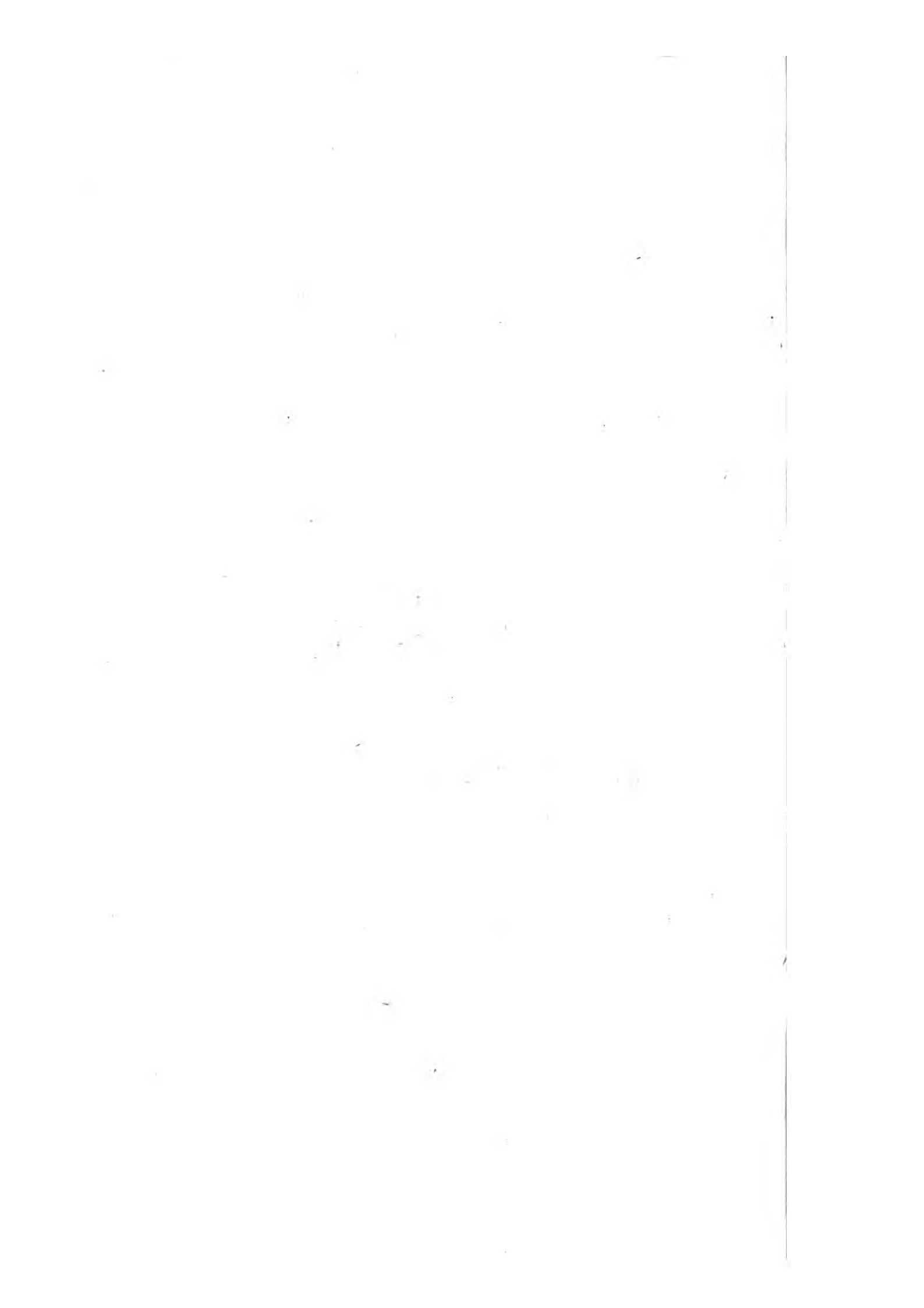
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To the MOST NOBLE

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O N T H E

DANGERS arising from POPERY
and DISAFFECTION;

O C C A S I O N E D

By the Seizing of certain PAPERS in
a *Popish* Chapel in the North-West
Highlands of Scotland.



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My LORD,

ANIMATED with the same disinterested Zeal for the publick Welfare, which prompted me last Year to address your GRACE on *certain Points of the last Importance to these Nations**; and continuing in my former Opinion, of the peculiar Propriety of applying to your Grace,
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* " A Letter to the most noble *Thomas*, Duke of *Newcastle*, on certain Points of the last Importance to these Nations : Being an Enquiry, I. Into the genuine Sources of Disaffection in both Parts of *Great-Britain*, separately considered, from the Abdication of King *James II*d to the present Time. II. Into the most rational Measures for effectually extinguishing the Remains of the present detestable Rebellion, &c." *London*, 1746. Printed for H. WHITRIDGE.

not only on account of that most honourable and elevated Station which you have so long and so deservedly filled in the State ; but also by reason of the perfect Knowledge which every *cordial* Friend of the Protestant Succession, and of our excellent Constitution, has of your inviolable Zeal for, and Attachment to both : In which your Grace, and your illustrious Brother, have the signal Honour to have most eminently and stedfastly distinguished yourselves from your earliest Youth *. I have a second Time presumed to approach your Grace on a very important Branch of my former Letter, *viz.* The Danger which his Majesty, and all his Protestant Subjects, are exposed to, from the restless Plots and Machinations of the very worst Set of People under Heaven that profess the Christian Name, *the Papists of the British Dominions* ; who, whilst they enjoy the invaluable Blessings of civil Liberty, in a Degree beyond what any other People upon Earth can boast of, and are at the same Time treated with so much Lenity in religious Concerns, are nevertheless incessantly labouring to overthrow the very Essence of their own and our Felicity, the best framed System in the Universe, for securing the lasting Happiness of all that live within the Circle of its benign Influence !

What has more immediately given Rise to the present Address to your Grace, is the Perusal of certain Papers which were last Summer seized in the *M'Donald's* Country, in the North-west Highlands, by the *Argyleshire* Militia ; whose seasonable and effectual

Services,

* *Semper bonos, nomenque tuum, laudesque, manebunt.*

Services, on so many other Occasions during the late Rebellion, are too well known to your Grace, and to the Publick, to need here to be enlarged on : Nevertheless, as they were the more immediate Instruments of this Seizure, I could not with Justice here omit the mentioning of them, together with the following remarkable Circumstances attending that Service, with the consequent apprehending of the (late) Lord *Lovat* ; as I had it from the Mouth of a Gentleman who was a principal Actor therein, to whom I am likewise indebted for being allowed to take Copies of the original Papers seized.

“ On the 8th of *June*, 1746, Major General *Campbell* sailing with the Bulk of his Forces from *Tobermory* in the Isle of *Mull*, up *Loch-Swinart*, the Country of the *Camerons* and other Rebels, he detached Captain *Duff*, of his Majesty’s Ship the *Terror*, and Captain *Ferguson*, of the *Furnace*, accompanied with several Tenders, to range and clear the Coast of the more westerly Continent and Isles, and to look for the Pretender’s Son and other Rebel Chiefs ; as also, to receive from the common People their Arms and Ammunition. For the more effectual Execution of these important Services, the General reinforced them with a strong Detachment of General *Guise*’s, and a few of General *Johnson*’s Regiments of Foot, commanded by Captain *James Miller* ; together with two *Argyleshire* Companies commanded by Captain *Dougald Campbell*, of *Achachrosan*, and Cap-

“ tain *Dougald Campbell*, of *Cruachan*. They
 “ accordingly proceeded to *Moydart*, and *Ar-*
 “ *saig*, where they found a great Quantity of
 “ Arms, and forty Barrels of Powder, hid
 “ amongst the Rocks and Woods.

“ Having apprehended several of the Re-
 “ bels in those Parts, they learn'd from them,
 “ that Lord *Lovat*, with his Servants, and a
 “ Guard of well-armed and resolute Men, had
 “ retired into an Island in *Loch-Morar*, a
 “ Fresh-water Lake twelve Miles in Length,
 “ and somewhat more than a Mile distant
 “ from the West Sea-Coast. In this pleasant
 “ little Island, his Lordship lived with *M^cDo-*
 “ *onald* of *Morar*, the Proprietor of it, and
 “ his Brother Bishop *Hugh M^cDonald*, the
 “ Pope's Apostolical Vicar of *Scotland*; toge-
 “ ther with one *Dr. M^cDonald*, and several
 “ others of that rebellious Family. Here
 “ they deemed themselves perfectly secure,
 “ having for that End brought all the Boats
 “ on the Lake to their Island, never once sus-
 “ pecting the Possibility of his Majesty's For-
 “ ces being able to bring any Boats from the
 “ Sea, over Land, into this Lake, to disturb
 “ their secure Retreat; but they soon found
 “ themselves wofully mistaken: For three
 “ hundred Men were quickly landed from
 “ the King's Ships on that Coast, under the
 “ Command of Captain *Ferguson*, and the
 “ two Captains *Campbells*, before-named, with
 “ the regular Subalterns. These performed a
 “ most difficult and dangerous March of nine
 “ Miles, from *Arsaig* to *Loch-Morar*, over
 “ inconceivably rugged Rocks, where oft-times
 “ but one Man abreast could clamber. Upon
 “ their

“ their Arrival at this Lake, they immedi-
 “ ately spread themselves opposite to the Isle,
 “ and in View of the Rebels thereon ; who,
 “ concluding themselves quite free from Dan-
 “ ger, fired on our People, at the same Time
 “ calling them by insulting and opprobrious
 “ Names, being near enough to be heard.
 “ This Exultation, however, was quickly at
 “ an end ; for the King’s Ships having failed
 “ round to that Part of the Coast where their
 “ Boats had little more than a Mile to be car-
 “ ried over Land to the Lake, (the Brook
 “ that runs from the Lake into the Sea, near
 “ that Place, being too small for Navigation)
 “ the Rebels immediately lost all Courage, upon
 “ observing the Men-of-Wars Boats moving
 “ over Land towards the Lake ; and suddenly
 “ taking to their own Boats, they rowed up
 “ the Lake with the utmost Precipitation ;
 “ infomuch, that altho’ the *Argyleshire* Men
 “ swiftly pursued on both Sides the Lake, and
 “ that our own Boats followed, as soon as
 “ they could be got into the Lake, yet all the
 “ Rebel Gentry, *M’Donalds*, escaped into
 “ the Mountains, excepting the before-named
 “ Dr. *M’Donald*, whom our People appre-
 “ hended and brought back to the Island, to-
 “ gether with the Boats of those Rebels. Here
 “ they found the before-named Popish Bishop’s
 “ House and Chapel, which the Sailors quickly
 “ gutted and demolished, merrily adorning
 “ themselves with the Spoils of the Chapel.
 “ In the Scramble, a great many Books and
 “ Papers were toss’d about and destroy’d.
 “ One of the *Argyleshire* Gentlemen, however,
 “ happened to get into his Hands the few
 “ Papers

“ Papers which have occasioned this Address.
 “ Upon examining the Prisoners, ’twas con-
 “ cluded, that Lord *Lovat’s* Lameness must
 “ have render’d it utterly impracticable for
 “ him to travel in so rugged a Country, and
 “ that therefore he must probably lie con-
 “ cealed in one or other of the numberless
 “ Caves at the upper End of this Lake, where
 “ the Boats had landed him. ’Twas there-
 “ fore determined to make diligent Search
 “ every where thereabout. This Service was
 “ performed by Captain *Ferguson*, and the
 “ other Officers and Men, with unwearied
 “ Diligence, for three Days and Nights; when
 “ at length Captain *Campbell* of *Achachrosan*,
 “ found that unhappy Lord lying on two Fea-
 “ ther-beds, not far from the Side of the Lake,
 “ to whom he surrendered and delivered up his
 “ Arms and strong Box. Hereupon his Lord-
 “ ship was put into one of our Boats, and rowed
 “ down the Lake; at the lower End of which
 “ our Sailors *made a Run with him* (as they
 “ termed it) over Land to the Sea-Side, the
 “ Pipers all the while playing the Tune called
 “ *Lord Lovat’s March*, with which his Lord-
 “ ship pretended to be pleased: And, finally,
 “ they carried him on board of Captain *Fer-*
 “ *guson’s* Ship.”

I shall next give your Grace and the Pub-
 lick the Substance of the Papers found in
 the said Popish Chapel; which, though but
 few in Number, do exhibit a clear View of
the Dangers arising from Popery every where,
 but more especially and peculiarly in the said
North-West Highlands; a Part of the Country,
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my Lord, which requires to be more narrowly looked into than any other Part of *Great-Britain* whatsoever; seeing from thence, *viz.* from the Country of the *M^cDonalds*, *Camerons*, &c. all the Rebellions since the Revolution, have been mainly supported; and in which the last Rebellion took its immediate Rise, as well as great Support. It is, my good Lord, amongst this worst of People, (many of whom are most cruel and barbarous Thieves and Murderers, as well as Traitors) that *the Pretender to his Majesty's Crown* may be truly said to have a Standing Army, ever ready for his Service. And amongst these, *M^cDonalds* more especially, will be found a great Body of relentless Foes to the *Protestant* Name. Here the *Roman Vicar Apostolical*, and his subordinate Tools the *Missionaries*, exercise their Functions almost as freely as if tolerated by Law, in spite of the unwearied Opposition they meet with from the legal and loyal Protestant Clergy and Schoolmasters; because amongst a Gentry and Commonalty devoted to their Cause, as the following Papers will evince. Upon all which, I shall afterwards beg leave to make some farther Remarks.

*PAPERS found in a Popish
Chapel in the Isle of Morar.*

NUMB. I.

Bishop Gordon's Mandate to the Popish
Clergy and Laity in the *Highlands*,
dated the 29th of *October* 1731. viz.

“ *To all the Churchmen, and honourable Ca-*
“ *tholick Gentlemen in the Highlands of*
“ *Scotland.*

Ann. 1731. “ **T**HE UNIVERSAL PASTOR of the
“ Catholic Church, considering ma-
“ turely that my advanced Years cannot allow
“ me to serve you henceforth, as I have done
“ for many Years; and that it will prove
“ much for your Advantage, and that of all
“ the Highland Countries in *Scotland*, to have
“ a *Bishop* constantly to reside amongst you;
“ has, in his great Wisdom and tender Love
“ for you all, with the *Consent*, and at the
“ *Desire* of our SOVEREIGN, ordered the
“ most worthy Bearer, the most Reverend
“ *Hugh Mac-Donald*, to be consecrated Bi-
“ shop, to serve among you, as your chief
“ Pastor and Bishop. And his Holiness send-
“ ing him as Bishop among you, appoints
“ him also *Vicar-Apostolical*, with singular
“ Powers, to enable him to discharge this
“ Office with the greater Honour and Au-
“ thority.

" thority. Injoining you all to be ever o-
 " bedient and submissive to this your most
 " Reverend Bishop, who also specially repre-
 " sents the *Pope's* Person ; and to execute all
 " his Orders and Commands : Assuring, that
 " he will with his supreme Authority support
 " this your most Reverend Bishop's Authority
 " and Commands. Threatning, at the same
 " Time, the most severe Censures against any
 " such as were so wicked as to be disobedient
 " or refractory. It belongs to me, of Duty,
 " to intimate to you these most pious Inten-
 " tions of his Holiness, which he has made
 " known to me ; that, by honoring and obey-
 " ing faithfully this your most Reverend Bi-
 " shop, you may shew the more dutifully your
 " Reverence and Respect to the *supreme*
 " *Pastor*.

" Your exemplary Obedience and Submis-
 " sion to this your most honorable Pastor,
 " will be a most assured Means to draw down
 " upon you all continually the special and
 " most plentiful Blessings of Heaven, and
 " will ever prove a most singular Comfort to
 " me, who have served you so long, and still
 " retain such a tender Love to you all in
 " Christ."

" Edingburgh, 29th
 " Octob. 1731.

" *Ja. Ep. Nicop. Vic.*
 " *Ap. in planis Scotiae.*"

This Paper is so plain, that scarce any
 farther Remarks are necessary than just to ob-
 serve, that the *Pretender*, whom the Bishop
 here calls their *Sovereign*, actually directs the
 Affair of this Mission as a *Sovereign*, as far as
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his Holiness will permit any Secular Sovereign to do : And that this is likewise undoubtedly the Case, in all other Parts of *Great-Britain* and *Ireland*. And indeed it would be absurd to suppose any Papist, continuing consistently to be such, sincerely to acknowledge any other Sovereign. In this they are all absolutely uniform ; and 'tis owing to our own Blindness with a Witness, if we cannot see that every Papist in these Kingdoms is alike invariably, though not alike explicitly, our determined, implacable Foes ; either as we are Protestants, or as faithful Subjects of our legal *Protestant* King.

The next Paper I shall speak of, is too prolix to be exhibited intire ; being Instructions from the Popish Clergy in the *Highlands*, to one of their Number whom they sent as their Agent to *Rome* in the Year 1735. accompanying also his Bishop thither.

N U M B E R II.

“ Instructions for Mr. *John Tyrie*, who
 “ with the Consent and Approbation of his
 “ Fellow Missionaries, in a Meeting held at
 “ the Isle of *Morar*, in *Montanis*, on the
 “ 14th and following Days of *April* 1735.
 “ was chosen by our most Reverend Bishop
 “ *Hugo M^cDonald*, Vicar-General in *Mon-*
 “ *tanis Scotiæ*, to accompany him to the OLD-
 “ TOWN,” [*i. e.* ROME,] “ in Prosecution
 “ of the Affairs Spiritual and Temporal of
 “ our *Highland* Mission.”

Those Instructions consist of twenty-one Articles ; many of which related purely to
Tyrie's

Tyrie's taking Care of his *Bishop*, both going and returning; and concerning their own particular and separate Interest, as *Highland Missionaries*, as Contra-distinguished from the *Lowland Mission*, who have a distinct *Bishop* and *Vicar-General*; which last Mission the *Highland Missionaries* thought to be more favoured at *Rome*, in Point of Temporal Concerns, than they were. I shall therefore only exhibit such of the Articles of those Instructions as do more immediately relate to their Propagation of *Popery* and *Disaffection* in that Country, *viz.*

“ ART. V. The said Mr. *John Tyrie* shall
 “ suggest to our most Reverend Vicar, while
 “ there [*i. e.* at *Rome*] the following Mo-
 “ tives for obtaining Redress of our Difficulties
 “ both Spiritual and Temporal.

“ That seeing we had no Subjects from
 “ *Paris*” [*Scots*] “ College, for above twenty
 “ Years past; nor did the Superior thereof
 “ call for Youths from our *Highlands*, for
 “ upwards of fifteen Years past. Therefore,
 “ all possible Means shall be used with our
 “ *great Friend*” [*i. e.* the Pretender] “ to
 “ concur with our most Reverend Vicar in
 “ procuring such a Reformation of that
 “ House, as to render it more useful in Time
 “ to come to the *Highland Mission*. For ef-
 “ fectuating of this, That it be represented
 “ to our said *Great Friend*, how *all his best*
 “ *Friends here* are interested in the Good of
 “ this Mission; and that *the Increase of Ca-*
 “ *tholicks here, will much advance his own In-*
 “ *terest*: That nothing will be more agree-
 “ able

“ able to them, than that the same House
“ educate their Children, as it does those of
“ the Low-Country,” [of *Scotland*.]

“ ART. VII. For obtaining what we desire,
“ in this Point, from our *Great Friend*, 'tis
“ ordered, that the Letters formerly sent by
“ both Vicars Apostolical, and some of their
“ Clergy then present, be presented to *him*,
“ if they can be had; otherwise the Copies
“ of the said Letters which are here.

“ ART. VIII. That the said Mr. *John Tyrie*
“ carry along with him a Copy of the Ca-
“ techism reprinted with Additions; and
“ mind our most Reverend Vicar to lay it be-
“ fore the Persons concerned there, to have
“ their Judgment upon the same.

“ ART. IX. For obtaining Assistance from
“ the *Propaganda* * in our Wants; —
“ That it be represented, That if we had
“ necessary Charges, we could, under God,
“ make considerable Conversions in the Coun-
“ try about us.

“ ART. X. That the *Propaganda* be in-
“ formed of the Methods that the *Enemies of*
“ *the Truth fall on* for extirpating it. Such
“ as, the CHARITY-SCHOOLS, founded on
“ purpose to intice and imbibe Youth with
“ bad

* The Committee of Cardinals at *Rome*, stiled the *Sacred Congregation* for the Propagation of the Catholick Faith in *heretical and Infidel Parts of the World*.

“ bad Principles” [meaning the Schools under the Management of the incorporated *Society in Scotland, for propagating Christian Knowledge.*] “ The yearly Pensions bestowed for maintaining *Itinerant Preachers* among our People. The erecting of *new Parish-Ministers* in such Places where our *Folks* mostly prevail in Number ;” [The Established Church of *Scotland* and the Nobility and Gentry of that Persuasion, have, since the Revolution, erected several such *new Parishes* in the disaffected and *Popish Parts* of that Country ; which has proved of great Benefit.] “ And all these three Foundations are principally designed against our *Highland Countries*. Nor must it be forgot to represent, That the 1000 *l. Sterling*” [annually] “ allowed by *King George* to *Itinerant Ministers* in the *Highlands* *, is in a great Part employed in perverting *Catholics* by *Bribery*. That our Parts, generally speaking, have an Inclination to the *Faith* : All our Chief Heads of Families no wise hindering their Followers. That all this be laid before our *Great Friend*, as a Motive to gain him over to *our Interest*.

* The 1000 *l. per Ann.* for this excellent Purpose was begun by his late Majesty *King George I.* and is graciously continued by his present Majesty : But the above Accusation of perverting (as they term it) their *Catholics* by *Bribery* with that Money, is notoriously false ; and is said here with no other View but to induce the *Propaganda* to grant them some such annual Allowance in their Disposal.

“ ART. XI. That our present Number of
“ *Labourers* [*i. e.* *Missionaries*] “ being but
“ *eleven*, and our *Catholicks* so situated in these
“ contiguous *Isles* and small *Villages*, that
“ one *Missionary* can serve but very few to-
“ lerably well; we absolutely have need of at
“ least double the Number we have at present,
“ with *Subsistence* for them. The *Propaganda*
“ then must be supplicated to afford both the
“ one and the other.

ART. XII. “ That although both the
“ *Colleges*” [*i. e.* the *Scots Colleges* of *Rome*
and *Paris*] “ were rendered as useful for our
“ Purpose as they are capable of, yet still we
“ should want many of the necessary Number
“ of *Missionaries*. And even though we got
“ two thirds of both *Colleges*, yet they
“ would not be a Proportion to the Number
“ of *Catholicks* in the *Highlands*.

“ ART. XV. That our most Reverend
“ *Vicar*, out of his Zeal for Religion, and
“ for the good of the Souls under his Care,
“ has, out of his small Funds, begun a *Se-*
“ *minary* in our *Highlands*. Therefore the
“ *Propaganda* is to be supplicated to grant to
“ our most Reverend *Vicar*, such charitable
“ Assistance as shall render him capable to
“ prosecute his most pious Design, without
“ which he must necessarily drop it †.

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† From the continuing of this Seminary *Anno* 1742.
’tis probable the *Propaganda* complied with their Re-
quest.

“ I *John Tyrie*, do solemnly swear and vow,
“ that I shall faithfully and diligently
“ concur, by the Grace of God, with my
“ worthy most Reverend *Vicar Apostolical*, in
“ all his Affairs, and, with the like Fidelity
“ and Diligence, shall discharge the Trust
“ committed to me, by my Fellow Missiona-
“ ries, according to the Tenor of their above
“ signed Instructions given me. So help me
“ God and this his holy Gospel.

“ *Joannes Tyrius Presb. in Mont. Scotiae.*

“ We under Subscribers attest this to be a
“ true genuine Copy of the Original.

NILE M'FIE, JOHN M'DONALD,
JAM. GRANT, *Writer*. COLIN CAMPBELL,
ÆNEAS M'Lachlan, JOHN TYRIE.

The next Paper is a LIST of the *Popish* MISSIONARIES, in the *Lowlands* and *Highlands* of *Scotland*, as they stood *Anno 1740*.

N U M B E R III.

An. 1740. **A** Lex. Drummond, William Reid,
Alex. Paterfon, Aeneas M^c Lachlan,
—Hackett, John M^c Donald,
Robert Gordon, Colin Campbell,
William Shand, Nile M^c Ovie,
John Tyrie, James Leslie,
John Godsman, Alexander Forester,
George Gordon, James Grant,
Alexander Gordon, Francis M^c Donald,
John Gordon, William Henderson,
George Duncan, —O'Kelly,
William Duthie, —O'Colgan,
Charles Crookshank,

In all 25 Missionaries.

There are besides, three other Persons named as subservient to the Mission, to whom annual Payments were made that Year out of the *Propaganda* Fund: *Viz.* Archibald Anderson, Mrs. —Arbutnot, and Alexander Smith of *Focabers*.

Upon this List I shall only say, that it were much to be wished a like List could be produced of all the Missionaries in *England*, and particularly of those in and about *London*. It would then I doubt too plainly appear, that
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the *Papists* are a much more formidable Possé than is generally imagined, and that the Romish Priests of one sort or other, in, and within ten Miles of *London*; do, (as mentioned in my former Letter) exceed four hundred in Number.

N U M B E R I V.

The next Paper is a farther Proof of their *An. 1742.* great Industry for the promoting of their Cause: "It contains Articles of Agreement, dated the 1st of *May* 1742, betwixt the before nam'd Bishop *M'Donald*, and his Brother *John Macdonald*; for the latter to board and maintain *five Boys*, and a Master to teach them." This Popish Seminary was to continue for five Years certain, and probably may be still in being, and farther prolong'd, unless speedy and effectual Means be used for clearing the Country of such poisonous Weeds.

N U M B E R V.

The 5th and last Paper, is a short *Cypher* (found in the said Popish Chapel) which tho' perhaps principally framed for the Advancement of the particular Interest of the *Highland* Mission at *Rome* with the *Pope* and *Pre-tender*; yet it shews how closely Treason against our State is connected with the very Being of those Popish Missions. It is directed thus,

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“ À MONSIEUR

“ Monsieur *L'Abbé Stuart,*

“ Agent du Clergé *D'Ecosse*

“ À ROME.

The C Y P H E R.

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| 1. “ <i>Hamburg,</i> | — stands “ <i>for Rome.</i> |
| 2. “ <i>West,</i> | —“ <i>the Highlands.</i> |
| 3. “ <i>Amsterdam,</i> | —“ <i>PARIS.</i> |
| 4. “ <i>Grifly's Shop,</i> | { —“ <i>the Scots College</i>
“ <i>at Paris.</i> |
| 5. “ <i>Hamburg Shop,</i> | { —“ <i>the Scots College</i>
“ <i>at Rome.</i> |
| 6. “ <i>Mr. Cant,</i> | —“ <i>the Pope.</i> |
| 7. “ <i>The Change</i> | —“ <i>the Propaganda.</i> |
| 8. “ <i>Mr. Arthur,</i> | { —“ <i>the King.</i> ” [i. e.
“ <i>the Pretender.</i>] |
| 9. “ <i>Merchant,</i> | —“ <i>Cardinal</i> |
| 10. “ <i>PHYSICIAN,</i> | —“ <i>BISHOP.</i> |
| 11. “ <i>Labourers,</i> | —“ <i>Clergy.</i> |
| 12. “ <i>Birly,</i> | —“ <i>Jesuite.</i> |
| 13. “ <i>Mr. James Grant,</i> | —“ <i>Bishop Gordon.</i> |
| 14. “ <i>Grigson,</i> | —“ <i>Mr. Cowreyer.</i> |
| 15. “ <i>Melwill,</i> | —“ <i>Mr. Thomas.</i> |
| 16. “ <i>Mr. Debee,</i> | —“ <i>Mr. Innes.</i> |

As every Step the Popish Missionaries take in these Kingdoms for the Advancement of their Cause, is directly contrary to many Acts of Parliament of both Nations; it is no wonder they carry on much of their Correspondence

dence by *Cypher*. I have lately had a Paper of this sort sent me from *Scotland*, which was found in another Popish Chapel last Year by an Officer of his Majesty's Army. 'Tis a circular Letter, dated 9th of *October* 1732, signed by six of the Missionaries called Administrators, superscribed thus, "To the V. R. [very Reverend] the P. P." [Procurators] of the Clergy of *Scotland*.

"V. R. and D. B." (*i. e.* very Reverend and dear Brethren.) It contains little or nothing worth while to transcribe, being only Instructions for the Conduct of all the Missionaries with respect to the People, *viz.* Such as, "for their frequently visiting their People. Against the marrying of Persons when both Parties are Protestants: Against the baptizing of *Bastards*, whose Parents are both Protestants, &c." signed by *James Gregory, Alexander Paterson, Colin Campell, John Tyrie, Alexander Smith, and Geo. James Gordon*, Administrators.

Only in this Paper the like Cypher of Cant Names is used as the above exhibited one, *viz.* *Labourers* stand for *Clergy*, or *Missionaries*; *Amsterdam* for *Paris*; *Company* stands for the *Mission* in general. *Apprentice*, for *Novice* or *Student*; *Trade*, for the whole Business of the *Mission*; *Shop*, stands for the *Church*, H. H. for the *Pope*, &c.

I shall now, my Lord, make a few brief Remarks on the general Subject of the foregoing Papers; First, with regard to the *Popish Missionaries* themselves; and secondly,

to the poor *People* whom they retain in Error and Disaffection.

Ist. As to the *Missionaries* ; I humbly apprehend, that, after what has so lately happened, and after what appears from the 'foregoing Papers, a wise and provident Government will no longer endure a Set of wicked Tools, hired by their mortal Foes, to be incessantly labouring to poison the Principles and Affections of the King's Subjects ; more especially as there are Laws in being for clearing the Country of them : And if such Laws shall appear to be defective, they know where to apply for a Remedy.

These Men have not only a Cardinal Protector at *Rome*, but an Agent constantly residing there for carrying on of the Interest of the Mission, as well as of a regular Intercourse between the *Pretender* to his Majesty's Crown and Dignity, and the Disaffected in *Scotland* : They are therefore the Life and Soul of the Cause, and do certainly deserve to be well paid by their Masters, the *Pope* and *Pretender*.

'Tis true, our Troops, after the glorious Action at *Culloden*, by scowring the Highland Countries last Summer, made those Vermin totally to disappear for a Time : But since the withdrawing of our Troops into Garrisons, and fixed Stations *, they begin again to appear and act as formerly ; and they will undoubtedly, (if permitted) redouble their former Efforts, in order to regain the Ground they have lately lost.

* I have seen repeated Accounts of this.

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And, altho' a strict Execution of the Laws (aided, if there be Occasion, by the regular Troops) may considerably retard the Progress of those Missionaries, I nevertheless humbly apprehend, 'twill be in some measure impracticable to drive them intirely out of the *North-west Highlands*, so long as they have there so great a Number of their Votaries to shelter and conceal them from the Hands of Justice.

This brings me,

Idly, To consider the State of the *Popish Laity*, both Gentry and Commonalty, in that Part of the Country.

As to the Gentry, most of them at present have either fled the Country, or else are in Custody, on Account of the part they acted in the late Rebellion. And as our wise Legislature have the State of hereditary Dependencies, &c. in that Country, now under their Consideration, I shall not presume to offer any Thing farther on that particular Head, than just barely to note, that when the present exorbitant Influence of the Gentry over the Commonalty shall be taken away, 'twill then be much more easy to instruct the latter in the true Principles of Religion and Loyalty, than it has hitherto been.

For the more effectual carrying on of so desirable a Reformation amongst the Commonalty in those Popish and disaffected Parts, what Methods can be so surely, so successfully practised, as those of which the *Missionaries* themselves so loudly complain to the *Propaganda*, in the before exhibited Xth Instruction

struction to TYRIE *? *Viz.* 1st, The *Itinerant Preachers and Catechists.* 2dly, The erecting of *new Parishes.* And, 3dly, The *Charity-Schools* under the Management of *the Society for propagating Christian Knowledge in the Highlands and Isles.*

Each of these three have been found extremely well calculated to answer the Ends for which they were designed. By the *first*, which doubtless his Majesty will always graciously continue to support, the poor Protestant People, who, by reason of the large Extent of their Parishes, live often very remote from their Parish-Churches, are instructed and preserved in their Religion and Loyalty. By the *second*, they are brought nearer to an established Place of Protestant Worship, and their Ministers can more easily visit and instruct them; as also such as they may endeavour to bring over from the Errors of Popery.

And, by the *third*, not only both the before-named Purposes are in a great Measure answered, but the very Roots of *Popery* and *Disaffection* are more immediately struck at, by *imbibing their Youth* (as the Popish Missionaries phrase it, in their said Xth Instruction) with Principles destructive of both!

I look, my Lord, upon these Schools as the most hopeful and excellent Seeds that can possibly be sown in the barren *Highlands*, and which I am confident will undoubtedly, sooner or later, bring forth in Abundance, the noble Fruits of true Religion, Loyalty, and Industry. What Pity is it not then, that nothing

* *Fas est & ab hoste doceri.*

thing has been hitherto done by publick Authority for the Support of so palpable a Benefit to the whole Community ; and that it has been hitherto left to stand on the precarious Bottom of private Contributions alone ? By which Means alone, however, they have been enabled gradually to augment the Number of their Schools in the Highlands and Isles to about 140 ; at which between five and six thousand Children and Servants are instructed ; yet as many more Schools are scarcely sufficient for effectually answering the great Ends intended by them. What Pity, that the unaccountable Oversight (after the Defeat of the Rebellion, *Anno 1715*) which suffered *twenty thousand Pounds*, destined by three several Acts of Parliament * for the erecting of Charity-Schools in the *Highlands*, out of the then forfeited Estates in *Scotland*, to be diverted to other Purposes, has not since been remedied ?

The Legislature have it now in their Power, out of the many Forfeitures in that Country, not only to supply that Defect, but to enlarge the Benefit to the Publick, by superadding a few *Working-Schools*, in different Parts of the *Highlands*, for the promoting of what is there so much wanted, a Spirit of *honest Industry, Agriculture, Manufacture, and Fishery* ; for the last of which, that Country is better fitted than any other in all *Europe* !

These, my Lord, are undoubtedly Points of the highest *national Concern*, both for our own and Posterity's Benefit ! and succeeding Generations,

* *Anno 1 Geo. I. Cap. 54. Sect. 16. Anno 4. Cap. 8. Sect. 32. and Anno 6. Cap. 11. Sect. 42. of which more fully in my former Address.*

Generations, as well as the present, will, with good Reason, call those Ministers and Legislators *blessed*, who shall have the Honour to promote them!

Upon the whole, I find myself again under a Necessity of urging what I more particularly enlarged on in my former Address to your Grace, *That the Papists of the British Dominions have, in very Truth, no just Claim to Protection, whilst they refuse that Fidelity and Allegiance to OUR ROYAL HEAD, which are the implied Conditions of it. That though they live amongst us, they cannot be properly said to be of us, since their Religion, Education, Maxims, Inclinations, Affections, and Allegiance, all are foreign! and they have nothing that truly denotes them BRITONS, but their Names and Language!*

With respect, more particularly, to our Papists in the *Highlands*, 'tis highly necessary to be known, that, altho', in point of Numbers and Wealth, they bear but a small Proportion to the great Body of their Persuasion throughout the rest of the *British Dominions*; yet, *first*, by reason of their Contiguity; (almost all the Papists of the *Highlands* living in and near that North-west Corner where the *Pretender's* Son landed, and from whence he went off;) *secondly*, of their Remoteness from the Seat of Government; *thirdly*, of the Ruggedness of their Country, which renders them difficult of Access; and, *fourthly*, of the yet more rugged Dispositions of the People themselves, they are certainly a very dangerous Set of Men to the publick Peace
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and Safety ; and whilst suffered to remain in their present unreformed and unbridled Condition, 'tis greatly to be apprehended that their Country will continue to be an open Door for *Popish Pretenders* from one Generation to another ; an open Door, I may say, for all foreign Invaders, and an *Afylum* for domestick Traitors !

'Tis an Observation, my Lord, frequently in the Mouths of some of the wisest as well as heartiest Friends of the Publick, that we have been too apt to neglect the proper Improvement of the Advantages put into our Hands by the Defeat of former Attempts against our Religion and Liberties ; too apt to forget the Dangers, the Storms, we had but just escaped ! not sufficiently attending to what dear-purchased Experience long since had taught us ; that our domestick Enemies, in Conjunction with our foreign ones, are ever and incessantly laying Schemes for our Ruin ; and that no sooner is one Scheme defeated, than another is formed against us ; and who can tell, but that they may even already be chalking the Out-lines of a fresh Rebellion, in hopes of our falling now into the like Supineness as heretofore ? But, my Lord, we have much better Things to hope for from your Grace's unwearied Zeal and Vigilance for the publick Welfare. 'Tis at present happily in our Power to strike effectually to the Roots of Popery and Disaffection, without the Imputation of either Cruelty or Injustice, by enacting wise and salutary Laws, and (which is of greatest Consequence) putting the same, and those already in Being, into their full
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Activity. And, finally, by putting in Practice every other rational and Christian Measure for bringing over the Enemies of our Religion, Liberty, and Tranquillity, to our and their own true and solid Interests. This is the earnest Wish and Prayer of all the cordial Lovers of his Majesty's Person and Government, and particularly of,

My LORD,

Your GRACE's

most obedient

and most devoted

humble Servant.

