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MARYLAND.

Dear Sir

As you are the Commanding Officer in Kent County Under his Excellency Gov.r Sharpe I intreat you'll Bestire y.r Self in this Critical Juncture. for I assure you that the French and Irish Papists about us & on y.r borders. Grow very Insolent & make no Scruple to Declare their Sentiments of being Dis.r pointed to our present Govm.t. Many Circumstances force me to make us beleive that the Jesuits &c have a Plot on footing against the Protestants ——

Let me Intreat you one more to Bestir your self for your Country's sake. and your civil & Religious Libertys, for your own & Family's sake. To request your Governour to Grant an order for Searching all Suspected houses of Papists &c within your Govern.t. And I think if the Search was made in one day to prevent Embezzlement of Arms & Ammunition which I am Confident they have Plenty of. If found I think it's no thing but reasonable they Should be Secured. I intend to apply to our Gov.r to the Same purpose However I am Doubtfull if our Charter and Laws will Suport & Enable our Goverment to act with as much Power & Authority as yours may do. Nothing Shall be wanting that is in my Power to act for the Safty of our Country, The Protestant Interest & Privileges. Whilst I am y.r Real Servant

Feb: 8.th 1755

D.d Willey Porter