

and others gave out, that he was turned to be of their religion, and taken into their communion. But contrary to their expectation, he was brought back from the gates of death, and would comply with none of their rites; saying, that whilst he had the use of his reason, he never spake any thing in favor of their religion; and that he never disowned the Protestant faith, nor would he now. So that they were silenced and put to shame.

There is no reason to think that these two women were any more Papists than he; but they are dead and cannot speak. One of the witnesses spoken of in the forementioned letters, told me, she knew of no such thing; and said Mr. *Meriel* told her, that he never heard a more fervent and affectionate prayer, than one which *Esther Jones* made a little before her death. I am verily persuaded, that he calls that prayer to God, so full of affection and fervor, the confession made by her of the sins of her whole life. These two women always in their health, and so in their sickness, opposed all Popish principles; as all that knew them can testify, so long as they could be permitted to go and speak with them. One of these women was taken from the *Eastward*, and the other, namely, *Esther Jones* from *Northampton*.