

Service. You may be pleased to observe in the proceedings that on the Representation of M^r Crabb an ignorant over-bearing Inhabitant of Frederick County the House thought proper to summon one M^r Rawlins a Magistrate of the aforesaid County who unhappily for him lives near M^r Crabb a Member of Assembly & had not shewn him such Deference as he perhaps expected. The pretended Reason for their proceeding to such Lengths with M^r Rawlins & making him attend their House almost during the whole Session to his great Detriment & Expence You will see in the Report of the Committee, & how unreasonable & unjust their proceedings were thereon will in part appear from the Substance of the papers on which my Message to them was founded. The Justice might perhaps be no Lawyer or well acquainted with such Learning as a Magistrate ought to be Master of but his Life & Conduct never that I can find gave the least Room for any Suspicion of his being unjust or partial & Men endowed with the contrary of these two Qualities only must in this Young Country be sometimes preferred to the Bench of Magistrates. Many of the Lower House when they came to be acquainted with & see into the whole Affair acknowledged themselves sorry that they had been so ready to credit M^r Crabbs Representations but as they had proceeded to take the Matters under their Consideration & to put the Magistrate to a great Expence they did not think it would redound much to their honour to drop the Affair entirely & therefore Addressed me thereon hoping I should take no farther notice of the matter; but as the Conniving at such a procedure would have subjected all His Ldp's Magistrates & Iustices to the Caprice or humour of the Assembly & in fact made them dependant in great measure on them (seeing the Lower House might easily cook up pretences to summon any other Magistrates & put them to similar Expences) I thought it not proper or for his Ldp's Interest to pass over the Affair & their Address in Silence, but communicated to them my Sentiments in an Answer to their Address: as they begun to see the Levity of their Accusation & could not attempt to justify their Behaviour they resolved that some parts of my Message which bore hard on them should not be printed or make a part of their proceedings as you will see by comparing the true Copy of my Message with that entered in their Journal.

Lest His Ldp or you may be at all imposed on by the Report of the Committee concerning Cresap's & the Recruiting Officers Acco^{ts} I must first advise you that t'was absolutely impossible for them to determine about the Justice or Reasonableness of the several Charges that their Committee have observed on from such general Accounts as were sub-

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