

reasonable, but We presume to acquaint Your Majesty, that Lib. M.
the Government of Pensilvania thought fit not only to consider it in another Light, but to make Use of it for Purposes destructive of the Laws and Properties of Your Majestys Subjects; For that Government under Pretence that those Parts of the Country lay to the Northward of a Line mentioned in an Agreement now under the Cognizance of Your Majestys high Court of Chancery to determine whether It shall bind the Lord Baltimore Lord Proprietary of this Province, was pleased to issue a Proclamation under a specious Colour of preserving Peace, but really to inflame and incite the Inhabitants of their Borders (which that Government then acknowledged was filled with People of more than Ordinary Spirit) to the Commission of horrid & Cruel Violences

It is with the most sensible Concern May it please Your Majesty that We must own those Designs of the Government of Pensilvania had too soon their desired Effects, for an Armed Multitude pretending to be Inhabitants of the Province of Pensilvania headed by a Sheriff and Magistrate of that Province beset the house of One Thomas Cresap, who had always held the Land he then lived on under a Title from the Lord Proprietary of Maryland, acknowledged himself Tenant of that Province and constantly paid his Taxes and Dues to the same, and acted for some time past as a Magistrate thereof; And in further Execution of their pernicious Intentions, these outrageous People set fire to the house (in which there was then the Owner his Wife Children and Six other men) and burnt the same down to the Ground with all the Effects of the said Owner to a very considerable Value; Nor was the Spirit of these Incendiaries allayed by this bold Violation of Your Majestys Laws; but when the unhappy Wretches then in the house endeavoured to save and defend themselves from the Flames, and those merciless Men, a continual firing of Guns followed, which occasioned the Death of One and wounding Others of Your Majestys Subjects who had been in the house; then the Owner with four of his Companions were seized and hurried into the Goals of the Province of Pensilvania where they now lye.

This Proceeding by Fire and Sword to establish the Bounds which are now in Dispute before the high Court of Chancery filled Your Petitioners as well as all Other of Your Majestys Subjects of these Two Provinces with such terrible Apprehensions, that an immediate Application was made from this Government to the Government of Pensilvania for their Assistance in discountenancing such Violences, and bringing the Offenders to condign Punishment; And lest they should escape a just Return for their Wickedness by any Doubt which the