

shall bind Your Lordship, was pleased to issue a Proclamation Lib. M.  
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 and  
cruel Violences

It is with the most sensible Concern, may it please your  
Lordship, that We must own those Designs of the Govern-  
ment 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  
Your Lordship as Lord Proprietary of Maryland, acknowl-  
edged himself Tenant of this 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 all 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 his Majestys Subjects and Your Lord-  
ships Tenants 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 Us with such terrible Apprehensions, that an immediate  
Application was made from this Government to the Govern-  
ment of Pensilvania for their Assistance in discountenancing  
such Violences and bringing the Offenders to condign Punish-  
ment, and lest they should escape a just Return for their  
Wickedness by any Doubt which the Government of Pensil-  
vania might pretend to entertain of the Place where they  
ought to be tryed; This Government requested that Govern-  
ment to cause the Offenders to be immediately apprehended  
in Order that they might be amenable to Justice in such  
Place as His Majesty should be pleased to direct; but contrary  
to all reasonable Expectation that Government of Pensilvania  
was pleased to decline any Compliance with that Demand by  
deferring their Apprehension till His Majestys Pleasure should  
be signified herein, nor could any Remonstrance from this