

Lib. M. until his most sacred Majesty shall be graciously pleased to interpose his Royal Authority in putting an End to the Disputes concerning the Boundaries of both Provinces: We were confirmed in these Our hopes, by the frequent Declarations made by the Gentlemen in the Administration of that Government that they were determined to live in Amity and good Neighbourhood with your Ldps Tenants, and that they had nothing more at heart, than the Preservation of the Peace among all his Majesty's Subjects

But May it please your Lordship We find by sad Experience that such Professions and Declarations have had no other Effect, but to delude our own People into a Security that has been very pernicious to many of them, and to give an Opportunity to their Neighbours to encroach into their Possessions and deprive them of their Properties; Of these We failed not to complain to that Government as injurious to his Majesty's Subjects, and contrary to their own Professions and all the Rules of Good Neighbours; but these Complaints have produced no other Fruit, but an Encrease to a very high Degree of the Outrages and Violences hereto committed, as Numbers of the People of Pensylvania assembling themselves together within this Province, and riding armed in an hostile manner to the great Terror of his Majesty's Subjects and your Lordships Tenants in Defiance of all Law and Authority menancing such as would not absolutely refuse all Obedience to the Laws and Government of this Province with Imprisonment and Loss of all their Properties, forceable carrying away poor quiet People who have nothing to depend on but the fruits of their Labour from their habitations and imprisoning them, way laying others and threatening to take them alive or dead, threatening to burn their houses, and actually offering large Rewards to loose profligate Fellows to commit the most shocking Villanies: Were these things done by obscure Persons, it might be reasonably supposed that only such were concerned, and that they received no Countenance from any Government, or Men in Authority, and that they might be suppressed, but when Men of known Interest and figure (in that Province) such as Assembly men, Magistrates and Sheriffs appear openly and publickly to be concerned in such Violences, and even avow their Proceedings, as done by Authority of their Government, without ever being contradicted, disavowed or called to an Account; What Miseries may not such of your Lordships Tenants as have the misfortune to live near such ill Neighbours dread? Of this We have Proof: And therefore the Duty of Our Station and a sense of the unjust and severe Sufferings of Our fellow Subjects oblige Us humbly to represent their unhappy Situation to your Lordship, and to beseech