

versation with him he makes light not to say justifies Attempts of this Sort—he put a Case not very much to the Honour of the Recruiting Service; suppose a Man steals a Horse..

Lib. J. R.
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If through Mistake, or in a disputable point as this seems to be among the Inhabitants, whether the King has not a prior Right to the Service of his Subjects to any after Obligation they may lay themselves under; especially in Cases of great Necessity, any Man's legal Property is invaded, are not the steps of the Law to be pursued without Violence that Justice may be done? besides I cannot possibly know who are, or are not Servants 'till their Indentures are produced. Pardon my suggesting these Things which is with no other View than to apologize for my own Conduct.

I hope your Excellency will give such Directions and order a prosecution against the parties whom have been culpable, against whom I am ready to furnish the necessary Proofs, as may deterr others from such a barefaced Opposition to his Majesty's Service

I am with great Respect your Excellency's most
Obedient humble Serv^t
Sam. Gardner

Captain in his Majesty's 47th Regim^t:

Baltimore Aug^t 15th 1756..

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Since the above by the Instigation as I am credibly informed of some of the better Sort at the Church in the Forrest last Sunday there was an Agreement made to raise a Body of about 200.. Men, and take all my Recruits from me, this Town to be their Rendezvous on Monday; Captain Orrick who commands a Company of Militia in the County came on Sunday Evening with about twenty Horse the Men armed with Clubs, and gave me to understand they expected the whole Body the next Day; the Captain was deputed by the rest to be their spokesman who told me they were come in a peaceable manner to demand their Servants, and that if they could not have them by fair Means, they would have them by foul: p. 129

It seems some of their Convict Servants were run away, notwithstanding my posting up Avertisements that I would not take any Convicts, they would not believe me, I gave them Liberty to examine my Recruits, they found none of