

At a Council held at the City of Annapolis on Friday the 21st Day of April in the seventh year of his Lordship's Dominion Annoque Domini 1758: Lib. J. R.
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Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq: Governor.

The honourable	}	Col: Charles Hammond	}	Benedict Calvert Esqr
		Samuel Chamberlaine		Col: Rob ^t J: Henry
		Esq.		Col: William Goldsbor-
		Col: Edward Lloyd		ough
		Col: Benjamin Tasker		Daniel Dulany Esq ^r
		Richard Lee Esq ^r		

His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the following Letters which being read are ordered to be entred.

Williamsburgh March 25th 1758:

Sir

Your Excellency's Letter of the 25th of February with the Depositions taken on Col: Cresap's Complaint came to my Hands four Days ago. The Council being convened on M^r Secretary Pitts Letter of December 30th I laid yours' before them they were willing to have Justice done to Col: Cresap, but apprehended considerable Difficulties to get it done in time for a Trial in your Provincial Court on the 11th of April as they are at a great Distance from hence and no opportunity of sending a Writ soon, without the Charge of an Express, and the Hazard of sending them in Time, and if apprehended they must be confined 'till I can advertise with Certainty when and where they may be delivered to an Officer that you shall send to receive them, and they were of Opinion that we could not bind the Witnesses to appear at your Court but that Col: Cresap must engage them to be willing to go. I have since advised with our Attorney General, and some other of our Lawyers, who on reading the Depositions I find are of opinion there is no Proof of their breaking the House; As much is lost, and what they took is but of little Worth it is probable it had been rifled before they came there, and they think he had better punish their Purses, for that they could not on those Depositions be convicted capitally, or that it would be too severe for the Offence, I hope Col: Cresap will reconsider it, and let me hear again how he thinks I may serve him in it, for I am desirous to do him Justice.

I am Sir your most obedient humble Servant.

John Blair.