

William Lux and Jn^o Burgess Magistrates of Ann Arundel County, being examined do say, that they were commanded and compelled, by a Number of the Inhabitants on Elk Ridge, to come down to Annapolis on this Day, and to have a Conference with the Members of this County, in Order to learn, what State or Situation the Journal was in, and to send an Express immediately to acquaint them therewith; and that according to the Contents or Tenor of such Express, a Number of them would, or would not, be within Sight of the City of Annapolis to Morrow or the next day, where they would halt and wait for these Examinants to come forth to them; as they did not intend to come into the City, but if a favourable Answer (as was expected) was received, were determined immediately to proceed to their Respective Homes.

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Tuesday 10th December 1765.

His Excellency by the Advice of this Board, sends the following Message to the Lower House of Assembly.

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly Having this Afternoon received certain Information, that between three and four hundred Men, many of them Armed with Guns and Tomahawks were assembled on Friday last at Frederick Town in Frederick County, and about to choose Officers, intending to March hither in Companies, in order (as they expressed themselves) to settle the Disputes betwixt the two Houses of Assembly in relation to their passing the Journal, and that such their Proceedings were supposed to be Owing to Col^o Cresap's Declaring, as he lately returned home thro' the County, that nothing would be done unless the People did come down, and having been likewise informed, that some of the Justices of this County, who reside near Elk Ridge, have been commanded and compelled by a great Number of People, that live in that Neighbourhood, to come this day to Annapolis, in order to learn from the Members for this County, what State or Situation the Journal is in, and to send an Express immediately, to acquaint the People therewith, that according to the Contents or Tenor of such Express, a number of the People will, or will not, be within Sight of this Place to Morrow or next day; I think it my Duty to communicate to you the Information I have received, and recommend it to you, to consider seriously the Consequence, of large Bodies of People being Prompted to come hither on such Account, or assembled with a View to intimidate either Branch of the Legislature, or to lay them under any Restraint.

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