

Lib. J. R. above Deposition, and Copies of Cap^t Shelby's Deposition,
& U. S. and the Information of William Lux & John Burgess, taken
before this Board yesterday together with the following
Message.

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly

p. 401 I think myself obliged to you for the Regard you have paid
to the Message I thought it my Duty to communicate to you
last night. That you may see on what Foundation that part
of my Message which relates to Col^o Cresap, and the People
who are said to have assembled in Arms at Frederick Town,
was founded, I shall agreeable to your desire, herewith send
you the Copy of a Deposition that was made yesterday by Cap^t
Evan Shelby, with one of D^r Ross's, relative to a Paper ad-
dress't to your House, that was, it seems lately handed about
in Frederick County to be Signed. Whether such Paper has
even been Presented to your House, you best know, if it has,
the Author or Original Mover of it, might I suppose be easily
traced, and you will, I have reason to believe on a proper Ex-
amination of Jacob Young, James Miller and other Inhabit-
ants of Frederick County, discover how far Col^o Cresap has
been Instrumental in promoting Measures that have a Tend-
ency to disturb the Public Peace, and to deprive the several
Branches of the Legislature of that Freedom of Debating and
Judging, which is essential to the Constitution. What I inti-
mated with Regard to the People that live near Elk Ridge, was
communicated to me by M^r Will^m Lux and M^r John Burgess
of that Place, a Copy of whose Information I likewise send you
Inclosed

11th December 1765.

Hor^o Sharpe.

At a Council held at the Council Chamber, on Tuesday the
17th day of December, in the Fifteenth year of his Lordship's
Dominion Anno domini 1765.

Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq^r Governor.

The honble Benjamin Tasker, Daniel Dulany, and Jn^o Rid-
out Esq^s

Read the Report of the Justices of Baltimore County, con-
cerning the Conviction of Negro Cesar, Slave of Benjamin
Rogers, of said County, whereby it appears, that they had
passed Sentence of Death on the said Negro, at November
Court last, for setting fire to the Barn of Ja^s Bosley.