

Read the following Letter from several of the Magistrates of Frederick County together with the Deposition of Enoch Innis, and other Papers relative thereto. Lib. J. R.
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Frederick Town 21st June 1766.

Sir

We embrace this Opportunity of our meeting together in this place, to acknowledge the Receipt of yours, dated 14th April last, which most of us had not seen before this week. We live at a considerable distance from Mess^{rs} Shelby and Warford, and cannot be supposed, to be so minutely acquainted with their Behaviour in general, as those who live in their Neighbourhood, tho' there are several Acts of M^r Shelby's that have made much noise in this County of late, & cou'd not miss reaching Our Ears, particularly, his Deposition, which stands on the Proceedings of the honourable, the Lower House of Assembly of this Province, which we cannot suppose His Excellency, or any of the honourable the Members of the Council, ignorant of; as also, an affair relative to an Indian Scalp, viz^t the manner of his obtaining it, the prostituting the Laws of his Country, and the faith and Trust reposed in him as a Magistrate, to his private emolument for the truth of which, we have inclosed a Deposition of a Gentleman a member of this Court. His being a common breaker of the Peace and a Prophane Swearer are notorious, to every of his Acquaintance. The greatest part of what we set forth in Our Petition formerly preferred to his Excellency, hath been fully Proved this Court, the particulars of which, the Gentlemen of the Law who reside in Annapolis, are able to inform him fully of, viz^t Mess^{rs} Johnson, Chase, Paca, Tilghman, and we may now add M^r Jennings. We must observe with regard to the Warrant we mentioned in that Petition, that upon Our obtaining the Original this Court; We find it to be an Order to the Father Hynes to obtain the Child, in which the Constable of Tonolaway hundred is ordered to see it executed, instead of a Warrant in the form of One for Stolen Goods, as formerly set forth. With regard to M^r Warford we have the Satisfaction to find, that his Character is not of a Dye any thing equal to M^r Shelby's, but his profound ignorance (that we can make appear in several Instances did our time admit) is so conspicuous, that we are liable to be laughed at as his Associates, May we not hope that the following will Suffice? He asked one of us last Court, where he should apply for a Writ for a Matter under the Cognizance of this Court viz^t whether here or at Annapolis. There is a Judgment of his for Fifty Shillings Current Money in the hands of Col^o