

the most vigorous Measures to bring such Villains to condign Punishment. Lib. C. B.
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Hor^o Sharpe

Advertisement. Hunting Ridge 24th May 1768.

Whereas two Men broke into my House on Tuesday last, and, after Rumaging below, went up Stairs into a Chamber, where my Wife and a Young Lady were lying, whom they treated in a Shocking and most barbarous Manner: First whetting their Knives before them, seizing them by their Throats, with many Motions as if they would murder them, except they would give their Money; and kept them in that miserable Condition for four or five Hours, having wounded my Wife in the Hand, and the young Lady very terribly in the Shoulder. I hereby offer a Reward of Ten Pounds, to any Person, not concerned in the Crime, that will discover the Authors so as they may be brought to Justice; and to either of the two Persons who broke the House I will give the Sum of Ten Pounds, if he will Convict the other; provided I can obtain his Excellency's Pardon for him.

James Calder.

• It is hoped every honest Person will discover any Person suspected, and send me Information as I am determined to spare no Cost nor Trouble to bring the Villains to Justice. They had also the Impudence to stay 'till almost Sun rise, tho both my Wife and the Young Lady saw some of the Servants belonging to the Family up, yet they were afraid to call to them, for Fear of Instant Death, which the Villains often threatened, if they made the least Noise. p. 19

In Consequence of the foregoing Message His Excellency received the following Address.

To His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq^r Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of Maryland.

The humble Address of the House of Delegates.

May it please Your Excellency.

We are impressed with a just Sense of the horrid Crime mentioned in your Excellency's Message of this Day, and think with your Excellency the Offer of a Reward for discovering the Perpetrators the most probable means by which they may be brought to that Punishment they so justly deserve; and have therefore resolved that the Sum of three hundred Dollars be applied as a Reward for the Apprehension of them or One hundred and fifty Dollars for either of them,