

Lib. C. B. ourable the Lord Proprietary, to appoint George Steuart Esq<sup>r</sup>  
No. 20 a Member of his Lordship's Council, and of the Upper House  
of Assembly of this Province, who, being present, took the  
several Oaths to the Government required by Law, as also the  
usual Oath of Councillor, repeated and Subscribed the Oath  
of Abjuration and Test, and then took his seat at the Board  
accordingly.

His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the following Letter which he received from the honorable John Penn Esq<sup>r</sup> together with sundry other Papers relative thereto and desires their Advice thereon

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Philadelphia February 4<sup>th</sup> 1769.

Sir

By the Papers enclosed you will find that several riots, which I am informed were attended with very aggravating Circumstances, have lately been Committed in the County of Chester, within this Province, by People who are Inhabitants of Maryland. The delinquents are out of the reach of Our Process, and there is no way of bringing them to Justice but by Your Assistance, for which I the more chearfully apply, from a Persuasion of your good Disposition to promote and establish an harmony between the two Provinces, and that you will at once see the Propriety of the Application, and the Necessity there is that Neighbouring Governments should Concur in their endeavours to Punish the Crimes committed by the borderers on both sides, and I cannot doubt but you will give immediate Orders to the Magistracy of Cecil County, where I am told the Offenders reside, to issue Warrants against them, and when apprehended to Cause them to be delivered to the Peace Officers of Chester County, or to hold them to Sufficient Securities to appear at that County Court, to Answer the Charges Exhibited against them. at the same time I beg you will be assured, that I shall always think it my Duty, as it is my Inclination, to shew the Utmost respect to any Application, you may at any time have Occasion to make to me.

I am with great Regard, Sir  
Your most Obedient humble Servant.

Governor Sharpe.

John Penn.

Chester County ss:

The Grand Inquest for Our Sovereign Lord the King who now is for the Body of the County of Chester upon their Oath and Affirmation respectively do present that Robert