

then next in order to give them an opportunity to proceed in a Court of Equity to Obtain Relief upon the said Articles of Agreement so insisted upon by them as they should be advised yet the Government of Pennsylvania very soon after seemed to imagine they had a right to determine by Violence what your Majesty had so lately given your Royal Directions About and which then was and still is depending in your Majestys high Court of Chancery by your Majestys Royal Indulgence to the Proprietaries of Pennsylvania

That several Germans and Palatines being arrived some time ago in these Parts of your Majestys Dominions in America made their Applications and requests to this Government for the Liberty of Seating and Settling with their Families on Lands within this Prov<sup>s</sup> which desires this Government not only thought reasonable but the People so deserving Encouragement that several Considerable Quantities of Land lying on the Borders of this Province adjoining to the Province of Pennsylvania were allotted and Assigned them for their Residence and Support under the Authority of this Governm<sup>t</sup> & accordingly not Less then fifty or sixty families of that nation immediately took Possession of these Lands and paid their Proportion of the Taxes and demeaned themselves in every other Respect as Peacable subjects to your Majesty and unquestionable Inhabitants and Tenants of this Province until very Lately when through Unwariness and too much Credulity they suffered themselves to be prevailed on by the Emissarys of Pennsylvania under Pretence of more than ordinary advantages to renounce openly their Submission to this Government & to declare their Resolution to transfer their Obedience to the Government of Pennsylvania and in order to account for this their extraordinary proceeding they declared their unwillingness to Contribute towards the maintenance of the ministers of the Church of England by Law established in this Province or to Conform themselves to such Laws and Rules for the regulating the Militia as this Province in their Legislature has thought expedient and necessary for their Safety and Defence against any Foreign Enemy Which the said Emissaries among other things promised they should be entirely [free] from in consid- p. 500  
eration of their withdrawing their Obedience from this Government

So Surprizing a Behaviour endeavoured to be Justified by such Pretences so Greatly alarmed this Government with the Dangerous Consequences which might ensue not only to this Province but to every other Part of your Majestys Dominions in America that they thought their then indispensable Duty required their utmost Care to disabuse these deluded People to make them sensible how much they had misbehaved themselves as Subjects to your Majesty for this purpose the Proper Sheriff of the County had orders as well to demand and levy on those inhabitants their Just Proportion of the Legal Taxes due to this Province as to apprehend & secure so many