

U. H. J. of them as he could find in order that they might be forthcoming to  
 Lib. No. 33 answer in a due course of Law for their Misdemeanor in attempting  
 to disturb the Peace of this Province by their avowed Disobedience  
 to the Laws thereof & as this Government was not ignorant that  
 these unfortunate people had been privately encouraged by some  
 persons daring enough to protect them against any Prosecution  
 therefore the said Sheriff had directions to take to his Assistance in  
 the Execution of his said Office some of the militia of his Country in  
 pursuance of which Commands the said Sheriff attended by Several  
 of the Militia Repaired to that Part of his County where those Inhabitants  
 resided there he found them shut up in an House which an  
 armed number of men Inhabitants of Pennsylvania had taken possession  
 of and after his demand of their being delivered to him was  
 obstinately refused the said Sheriff with the said militia departed  
 in a peaceable manner and Distrained some few of their Goods for  
 their Proportion of Taxes

This Conduct of the Government of Maryland we humbly hope  
 will Appear in your Majestys Great wisdom proper & reasonable but  
 we presume to acquaint your Majesty that the Government of Pennsylvania  
 thought fit not only to consider it in another Light but to  
 make Use of it for Purposes destructive of the Lives & Properties  
 of your Majestys Subjects for that Government under pretence that  
 those parts of the Country lay to the northward of a Line mentioned  
 in the Agreement now under the Cognizance of your Majestys high  
 Court of Chancery to Determine whether it should bind the Lord  
 Proprietary of this Province was pleased to issue a Proclamation  
 p. 501 under a Specious Colour of Preserving Peace but really to inflame  
 and incite the Inhabitants of their Borders which that Government  
 then acknowledged was filled with People of more than ordinary  
 Spirit to the Commission of horrid & Cruel Violences

It is with the most sensible Concern may it please your Majesty  
 that we found those designs of the Government of Pennsylvania had  
 too soon their desired Effect for divers your Majestys Subjects who  
 had nothing to support themselves with but their Labour and  
 Industry were violently Dragged from their Habitations and thrown  
 into Loathsome Goals to the ruin of their poor families and not  
 Content with these Violences an armed multitude pretending to be  
 Inhabitants of the Province of Pennsylvania headed by a Sheriff and  
 a Magistrate of that Province beset the house of one Thomas Cres-  
 sap who had always held the Land he then Lived on under a Title  
 from the Lord Proprietary of Maryland Acknowledged himself  
 Tenant of that Province and Constantly paid his Taxes & Dues to  
 the same and acted for some time past as a Magistrate thereof and  
 in further Execution of their pernicious intentions these outrageous  
 people set fire to the house (in which there was then the Owner his  
 Wife and Children and six other men) and burnt the same down to