

the Ground with all the Effects of the said Owner to a very Considerable Value nor was the Spirit of these Incendaries allayed by this bold Violation of your Majestys Laws but when the unhappy Wretches then in the house endeavoured to save and Defend themselves from the Flames and those merciless men a Continual firing of Guns followed which Occasioned the Death of one and Wounding others of your Majestys Subjects who had been in the House then the Owner with four of his Companions were Seized and hurried into the Goals of the Province of Pennsylvania where one of them actually perished for want of Sustenance and the rest now Lye

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This Proceeding by Fire and Sword to establish the Bounds which are now in Dispute in your Majestys high Court of Chancery filled your Petitioners as well as other your Majestys Subjects of these two Provinces with such terrible apprehensions that an immediate Application was made from this Government to the Government of Pennsylvania for their Assistance in Discountenancing such Violences and Bringing the Offenders to Condign Punishment And Lest they should escape a Just Return for their Wickedness by any Doubt which the Government of Pennsylvania might pretend to Entertain of the place where they ought to be tried this Government Requested that Government to cause the Offenders to be immediately Apprehended in order that they might be amenable to Justice in such Place as your Majesty should be pleased to direct but contrary to all reasonable Expectations the Government of Pennsylvania was pleased to decline any Compliance with that demand by deferring their apprehension till your Majestys Pleasure should be signified therein nor Could any Remonstrance from this Government of the Probability of the Offenders escape and Eluding by that means your Majestys Justice prevail with that Government to alter their Resolution

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We further humbly presume to lay before your Majesty Our Unhappiness that this Government is not able to procure from the Gov^t of Pennsylvania the release of those unfortunate Sufferers who are still Confined in Pennsylvania Goals this desire was refused on pretense that Thomas Cressap the owner of the house had been guilty of a former murder & that the others were present at the aforementioned Confusion when one of your Majestys Subjects was killed that accusation of a former murder against the said Cressap will we humbly hope appear very extraordinary when we presume to say that a man was killed by him in defence of his Own House when the very same House was in the night time attacked and broke into some years ago by another number of Pennsylvanians and the Owner then threatned with the Loss of his Life which he had no means or Possibility of preserving but by defending himself the best Way he could and who therefore in defence of his house fired a Gun and Shot the deceased in the Leg or thigh of which wound he dyed for this Fact the Owner of the House was brought