

possession of a piece of Land in Lancaster County in the Province of Pensilvania formerly surveyed under the Proprietaries of the said Province) To persuade some Innocent German People Lately Come into Pensilvania who were Ignorant of our Language and Constitution to take possession of those lands and Acknowledge the Jurisdiction of the Lord Baltemore Assuring them at the same time of being free from Taxes and that they Should have protection from the Government of Maryland the said Cresap then proceeded with armed force to Seize and Hurrey to Prisons in Maryland Several of our Inhabitants who were Seated upon Lands above Twenty Miles within the Province of Pensilvania as well from those Boundaries set by Charles Lord Baltemore above fifty years since as from the Bounds agreed on by his present Lordship in the Year 1732 and the Better to Carry on the Designs of Maryland the Deputy Governour of the said Province vested the Said Cressap with the powers of a Civil Magistrate and Dignified him with a Military Commission furnishing him with a Large Quantity of fire Arms and Ammunition whereupon he became Exceedingly Insolent and Oppressive to the Peaceable Inhabitants of that part of the Country, to put a Stop to which proceedings the Deputy Governour of Pensilvania with the Advice of his Council Sent persons to the Deputy Governour of Maryland fully Authorized to Consert Measures for preserving peace and good Neighbourhood between the two Provinces by agreeing upon Some bounds to Limit their Jurisdiction without Prejudice to the right of Either of the Proprietors untill the Differences should be absolutely Settled Either between themselves or by Due Course of Law but so far was the Deputy Governour of Maryland from Entring into any Such Pacifick Measures that the People of Pensilvania then in Prison were prosecuted upon Information preferred against them in the Courts of Maryland as having Intruded upon the Lord Baltemore Lands (and as they Call it) against his Lordships peace good rule and Government and Heavy fines laid on them, on pretence that they would not own the Authority of the Said Lord Baltemore and a Surveyor Guarded by Cressap with a Number of Armed men Came up into the Heart of Lancaster County to Survey Lands which had long before been Surveyed and Some of them Seated in right of the Proprietarys of Pensilvania and the Lord Baltemore and his Deputy Governour Still Continuing not only to Disregard all propositions for Avoiding these Differences and Endeavouring by all means to make void the Said Articles of Agreement our Proprietarys found themselves Obliged in the year 1735 to Exhibit their Bill of Complaint in the High Court of Chancery of Great Britain against the said Lord Baltimore wherein they have Set forth their right to the Lands in Question between them and Said Lord Baltimore which he had in a Solemn Manner Released to him by the said Agreement made in the year 1732 and have prayed the

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