

he then Breathed Rage and fury Threatned Distruction Conserted with his People the Murther of some and Burning the Houses of Others the Inhabitants of Lancaster County Could now think themselves no Longer Safe after such a Discovery while the person Appointed to Execute all these designs was so Strongly Supported so furiously Animated and furnished with Such means of Distressing them but as the Principles of the People who first Settled the Province of Pensilvania and of those who at present have the Administration of the Government are well Known to be against all Millitary force and being Sensible that all Millitary Attempts of One Subject of the Crown of Great Brittain upon another are Unwarrantable they therefore only granted Legal Warrants to the Sheriff of Lancaster County for Apprehending the said Cressap that he might in a Course of Justice answer for the Notorious Offences he had Committed and the said Sheriff having for Some time been possessed of a Warrant from the Provincial Judges for takeing the Said Cressap on a Charge of Murther found by the Coroners Inquest the People being Justly allarmed by so manifest a Prospect of their Danger Called upon the Sheriff at all Events to Execute his Warrant in which they would Assist him for that they rather Chose at all Hazards to Attempt the Takeing that Dangerous and Barbarous man than to live Continually Exposed to his Violences Accordingly the Sheriff Attended with a Number of the Inhabitants of the Country (who Consist mostly of German Protestants and Other Europeans of the Communion of the Churches of England and Scotland of late years Arrived here) Went Over to Cressaps Dwelling in the morning Early, read at the Doore in his hearing and in the Hearing of his Accomplices in the House the Warrant he had to take him, requireing him to Surrender himselfe, but was answered only with Horrid Oaths and Imprecations and the Utmost Scurrility of Language and soon after he fired at the Company who also Discharged Some Shot at his House but without Intention of Doeing any Hurt; and thus they Continued untill Near Sunset when the People provoked by his Abuses and frequently fireing and finding no Other Possibility of Takeing him alive Set fire to the House which Consisted of some round unhewen Timber Logs Piled one on Another of not above the Value of five pounds Sterling and to which he had no right having before released his Tortious Possession to one of our Inhabitants and the House being on fire the Said Cressap with his Accomplices rushed out Loaded with Arms and fireing upon the Sheriff and his Company they wounded one of the Sheriffs men and happened to Kill one of their own before Said Cressap was Taken but notwithstanding the Takeing that Turbulent man we have Still Just reason to Apprehend yet further and greater Injurys from that Government large and Tempting rewards being promised in Proclamations And Otherwise by their Deputy Governour before the Take-

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