

Doring William Smith and his Deponent's son who were in the said House Endeavoured with the said Cesap to keep the Door Shut, that some of the persons without Doors called to their Companions to surround the house. Some of them swore they would overset it others that they would burn it. That this Deponent not venturing to go out of the said house cannot tell the Number of the said People (but by the Noise, they made about the House,) believes there were at least Twenty of them, that some of them said they had fifty Men there that Night to take the said Cesap and if they were not enough they would have five hundred there next Morning for the same purpose, that severall of the said Persons forced the said Cesaps Door off the Hinges and Endeavoured to enter the house in a violent manner and that there the said Cesap Discharged a Gun amongst them and as this Deponent believes wounded one of them. That one of the said Persons came forceably into the House and assaulted the said Cesap and afterwards had like to have killed a young Child of this Deponents. That the next Morning this Deponent saw one Edward Murphy and asking him what was the Occasion of the Violence committed the Night before at Thomas Cesap's to w^t the said Murphy answered that the Design was to take up & Inprison any Person who should take up any Lands under Maryland Rights or under the Lord Baltimore. That William Liville & John Pickolls were among the said persons & farther at present saitt not.

John Low

The Deposition of William Smith of Baltimore County
aged between Thirty and forty Years

This Deponent being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of almighty God deposeth and saith. That he was in the house of Thomas Cesap of Baltimore County on Tuesday the Twenty Ninth day of January last and that about two hours within Night a considerable Number of People being at least Twenty in Number as he verily believes came in a violent manner & required the Doors to be opened and the said Cesap to surrender himself to them, one of them swearing he was Sheriff of Lancaster County and others saying that they were to be supported in their proceedings by one Emerson a Lawyer in Pennsylvania and that they were their fifty Men & if they were not enough they would have five hundred there next Morning to take the said Cesap. That the said Cesap declared his house was his Castle and he would defend it, upon which some of the said persons swore they would overset the house of the said Cesap and others that they would burn it. That some of them Endeavoured to force open the door and enter into the said house with the the said Cesap this Deponent and others that were in the house Endeavoured to prevent. That severall of the said persons forced the door off the hinges and were forceably and violently coming into the house upon which the said Cesap discharged a Gun amongst them and believes wounded one of them that one of

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