

Pennsylvania were allotted and assigned to them for their Residence and Support under the Authority of this Government, and accordingly not less than fifty or Sixty Families of that Nation immediately took Possession of those Lands, and paid their Proportion of the Taxes and demeaned themselves in every other Respect as peaceable Subjects to Your Majesty and unquestionable Inhabitants and Tenants of this Province, until very lately, When through Unwairing and too much Credulity they suffered themselves to be prevailed on to renounce openly their Submission to this Government and to declare their Resolution to transfer their Obedience to the Government of Pennsylvania; - And in Order to account for this their extraordinary Proceeding, they declared their Unwillingness to contribute towards the Maintenance of the Ministers of the Church of England by Law established in this Province, and to conform themselves to such Laws and Rules for the regulating the Militia, as this Province in their Legislature has thought expedient and necessary for their Safety and Defence against any foreign Enemy.

To surprizing a Behaviour endeavoured to be justified by such Pretences so greatly alarmed this Government with the dangerous Consequences which might ensue not only to this Province but to every other of Your Majesty's Dominions in America, that they thought their indispensable Duty required their utmost Care to disabuse these deluded People, and to make them sensible how much they had misbehaved themselves as Subjects to Your Majesty; For this Purpose the proper Sheriff of the County had Orders as well to demand and levy on those Inhabitants their just Proportion of the legal Taxes due to this Province, as to apprehend and secure so many of them as he could find, in Order that they might be forthcoming to answer in due Course of Law for their Misdeemeanor in attempting to disturb the Peace of this Province by their avowed Disobedience to the Law thereof: And as this Government might reasonably conclude these unfortunate People had been miserably 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 County, 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 some Number of 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 Majesty's great Wisdom proper and 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 Laws and Properties of Your Majesty's Subjects; For that Government under Pretence that those Parks of the Country lay to the Northward of a Line mentioned in an Agreement now under the Cognizance of Your Majesty's high Court of Chancery to determine, whether It shall bind the Lord Baltimore Lord Proprietary of this Province, was pleased to issue a Proclamation 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 must own these Designs of the Government of Pennsylvania had too soon their desired Effects, for an Armed