

Multiplied depending to her Label & Acts of the Province of Pennsylvania headed by a Sheriff and a Magistrate of that Province burnt the house of the said Thomas (who had always held the Land he then lived on under a Title from the said Proprietary of Maryland, acknowledged himself Tenant of that Province and constantly paid his Taxes and Dues to the same, and acted for some time past as a Magistrate thereof; and in further Execution of their pernicious Intentions, these outrageous People set fire to the house in which there was then the Owner his Wife Children and Six other men) and burnt the same down to the ground with all the Effects of the said Owner to a very considerable Value; Nor was the Spirit of these Incendiaries allayed by this bold Violation of Your Majesty's Law; 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 Majesty's Subjects who had been in the house; then the Owner with four of his Companions were seized and hurried into the Gaols of the Province of Pennsylvania where they now lie.

This Proceeding by Fire and Sword to establish the Bounds which are now in Dispute before the high Court of Chancery filled Your Petitioners as well as all Other of Your Majesty's 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 Mischief 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 Governm. 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 Expectation that Government of Pennsylvania was pleased to decline any Compliance with that Demand by deferring their Apprehension till Your Majesty's Pleasure should be signified herein, nor could any Remonstrance from this Government of the Probability of the Offenders Escape and eluding by that means Your Majesty's Justice prevail with that Government to alter their Resolution.

We further humbly presume to lay before Your Majesty Our Unhappiness in not being able to procure from the Government of Pennsylvania the Release of those unfortunate Sufferers who are still confined in Pennsylvania Gaols: This Desire was refused on pretence that Thomas Crossap the Owner of the House had been guilty of a former Murder, and that the Others were present at the aforementioned Confusion where One of Your Majesty's Subjects was killed; That Accusation of a former Murder against the Owner of the house, will (We humbly hope) appear very extraordinary, when We presume to say, that a Man was killed by the Owner of the 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 in Defence of his House fired a Gun, and shot the Deceased in the Leg or Thigh of which Wound he died; for this fact the Owner of the house was brought to his Trial in this Province; and the late Governor of Pennsylvania was sensible of this being the Truth of the fact, that he often declared the Owner of the house ought not to be accountable for that Mans Death.

The Government of Maryland (May it please Your Majesty) sensible of their Duty to your Majesty for the Preservation of Peace amongst Your Majesty's Subjects, some Years ago proposed to the Government of Pennsylvania that both Governm. should then immediately

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